

## MIT Testing Resources

**The Center for Health Promotion & Wellness, MIT Medical Department**

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Provides HIV and STD testing and prevention information. Free for all MIT community members.

**MIT Medical Department**

Make an appointment with your personal physician or nurse practitioner for confidential testing.

Telephone: 617/ 253-4481

Fee: free for all registered students  
Return of test results: approximately 1-2 business days

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## The Center for Health Promotion & Wellness

Free Private Health Consultations with a health educator

Health Resource Library with books and videos on a wide array of topics, including sexual health, relationships and much more

Health Workshops offered to students and employees throughout the year

MedLinks– a residentially-based student peer advocacy program

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## HIV Testing Resources for MIT Students

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## Should I Get Tested?

There are lots of reasons that people get tested for HIV. Maybe you're sexually active and have engaged in behaviors that put you at risk of HIV infection. Maybe you're starting a new relationship and have decided to get tested together. Whatever the case, here are some of the reasons why you should consider getting tested for HIV. If you:

- had sexual intercourse (vaginal, oral, or anal) without a condom
- learned that a partner was not monogamous
- have been sexually assaulted
- had a condom break
- shared needles or syringes to inject drugs (including steroids) or for body piercing, tattooing, or any other reason
- had multiple sexual partners
- found out that a partner has shared needles
- learned that a past or current partner is HIV-positive
- discovered that a partner has been exposed to HIV
- had a recent diagnosis of another sexually transmitted disease (STD)
- are pregnant.

## Testing: Anonymous vs. Confidential

### **Anonymous Testing**

Anonymous testing uses code numbers or names to identify your test. Your name is never used. You use the code to get your results. You are the only person who knows your results. With anonymous testing, you get to decide who to tell and when. Many people who choose anonymous testing line up support for themselves before they go to get their results.

### **Confidential Testing**

With confidential testing, your name is used. Therefore, your name and other identifying information is attached to your test results, but kept private. However, health care providers, your insurance company, and, in some states, the health department will have access to your test results. When care providers know your name, they can follow-up with you and see how you are doing.

## Off-Campus Testing Resources

**AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts**  
Telephone: 617/ 437-6200 or 800/ 235-2331  
Provides testing and prevention information.

*The following sites have anonymous HIV testing and pre-test and post-test counseling.*

### **Fenway Community Health Center**

Telephone: 617/ 267-0159  
Hours (walk-in): Wednesdays 4:30-6pm  
Location: 7 Haviland Street, Boston  
Take #1 bus to Green Line to Hynes Convention Center stop.

### **Massachusetts General Hospital STD/GID Unit**

Telephone: 617/ 726-2748  
Hours (walk-in):  
Mon-Fri 8:30-11am  
Mon, Wed 1-3pm; Mon evenings 5-7pm (appointment only)  
Location: MGH, 5<sup>th</sup> floor Cox Bldg, Boston  
Take red line to Charles T stop.

### **Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital**

Telephone: 617/ 632-7706  
Hours (Appt. only): Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm  
Location: 110 Francis Street, Suite G, Boston  
Take green line D train to Longwood T stop.