



DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

COUNSELING AND HEALTH SERVICES

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## HIV TESTING

The screening laboratory test for HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) which causes the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) is called ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) test. If this test is positive, a more specific test called the Western Blot is done to rule out a false positive ELISA. This test is specific for the presence of antibodies to HIV in the blood stream. A positive Western Blot test thus indicates that the individual has been infected with the AIDS virus and has produced antibodies to that virus. There is no reliable test now available to test for the virus itself, only the body's immune system's reaction to the virus. A positive result on the Western Blot test indicates that a person is infected and infectious with the HIV virus. There is no way to determine when a person will become ill from HIV infection or develop full-blown AIDS.

An immune response does not occur immediately when one is infected with the virus. Therefore, if the HIV test is negative initially after possible exposure activity, a repeat test is needed in three months and again at one year to be certain no antibodies to HIV have developed.

### FREE AND ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA

#### **EINSTEIN Community Practice Center**

**Einstein Medical Building**

**5501 Old York Road**

**Paley Building 1st Floor**

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-2pm

Phone: 215-456-3465 (\*only HIV testing;  
no STD testing)

#### **BEBASHI NORTH**

**1217 Spring Garden Street 1<sup>st</sup> floor**

Phone: 215-769-3561

Hours: Mon-Tues –Wed-Fri 9am-3:30pm

Thurs- 9am-6:30pm

Fingerstick HIV, urine gonorrhea &  
chlamydia

#### **Mazzoni Center for HIV Testing**

**1201 Chestnut Street 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

Phone: 215-563-0652 (

Hours: Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm appt only)

Walk-ins 1201 Locust St Mon-Fri 9am-9pm

Sat 1-5pm

#### **PHILADELPHIA CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**Broad and Lombard St (Lombard  
entrance)**

Phone: 215-875-6570/71

Hours: Mon-Fri 7:45am-4:15pm

Mon &Wed only- 4:30pm-7:15pm

#### **AIDS HOTLINE**

1101 Market St

Phone: 215-985-2437

Hours: Mon-Fri 8am – 6 pm

#### **WATS**

1211 Chestnut St Suite #701

215-246-5210

Hours: Mon-Fri 9am – 4pm (appt only)

\* rapid HIV testing only

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