Understanding HIV Risk

Among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men in the Denver metro area, risk behaviors associated with HIV appear to be increasing. For example, more men report having condomless anal sex and more than three male sexual partners in the past 12 months.

Men who have four or more of identified risk factors during the past 12 months are at greatest risk for HIV. MSM at greatest risk for HIV infection were almost twice as likely as MSM at lower risk to report never testing or not testing for HIV within the past 24 months. One in three men did not know the HIV status of their last sexual partner.

What’s Your Risk Level for HIV Infection?

A big part of preventing HIV infection is understanding your risk level. Place a check mark for any of these that apply to you:

- Condomless anal sex
- Receptive anal sex
- Having more than three male sexual partners
- Injection drug use
- Methamphetamine use
- Not being tested for HIV infection
- Being diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection
- Not knowing the HIV status of a sexual partner
- Having sex with an HIV-positive partner

Did you check off four or more? If you did, it’s important that you get tested as soon as possible.

Get Tested

There are more than a dozen testing sites for HIV and STDs located in community and commercial venues throughout the Denver-Metro area. Testing together is a testing and counseling service for male and heterosexual couples.

Scan the QR codes for testing information and locations.

Spread the Word, Not the Disease

Being aware and informed about HIV risk, and sharing that knowledge with others will help reduce risk behaviors and infection. Let’s work together to spread the word.

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#StopHIVTogether

Have the Conversation

It is important that you talk to your sexual partners about their HIV status – and yours.

If you are living with HIV, talk to your healthcare provider and ask for help in finding support groups or other individuals who can help you navigate living with HIV.