

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

How long does it take to get my results?

- Once you mail in your swabs, it takes less than 7 days to get results.
- Violet will let you know (text, call, or email – whatever you chose when you placed your order) that your results are ready to view.

Can I test while on my period?

- Yup! The test is not affected by period blood.

How soon after having sex can HIV be detected?

- There are 2 types of HIV tests: oral and blood.
- If you think you have been exposed to HIV, go to a clinic immediately to get a blood test.
- Oral HIV tests can be ordered through I Want The Kit (iwantthekit.org), but they won't detect the infection as early as a blood test.

Will my results get sent to anyone else?

- Violet will not give anyone else (like your parents or sex partner) your results – it is completely private.
- However, the law requires us to report positive cases of chlamydia and gonorrhea to the Maryland Health Department.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Johns Hopkins Gynecology & Obstetrics Services (call for all locations):
(443) 997-0400

Harriet Lane Clinic *through the Johns Hopkins Children's Center*
220 N Wolfe Street, Baltimore MD 21231
(410) 955-5710

Healthy Teens and Young Adults Clinic *through the Baltimore City Health Department,*
aka Druid Family Planning Clinic
1515 W North Ave, Baltimore, MD 21217
(410) 396-0185

Sexual Health Clinic *through the Baltimore City Health Department*
1200 E Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 396-9410

Maryland Crisis Hotline
Call 1-800-422-0009 or chat online at pressone.211md.org

CONTACT US

Johns Hopkins Medicine
600 N. Wolfe St.,
Baltimore, MD 21287
Call or text anonymously:
+443-267-7765
info@violetproject.org
www.violetproject.org



RESOURCES

for home STI testing

Once you swab and put your swab in the tube of liquid, the swab only lasts for 30 days. So make sure you put it in a mailbox as soon as you swab!



Scan to read more FAQs on the Violet Project website, or go to violetproject.org/faq



YOU DON'T NEED PERMISSION FROM AN ADULT

- By Maryland law, you can get STI testing without a parent/guardian!
- Violet does not notify your parents/guardians.
- If you want to talk to a Violet doctor, we'll ask if you want to bill insurance.
- If you can't bill insurance, we will work with you to cover doctor's fees.

IF YOU TEST POSITIVE

TELL PARTNERS

- Tell anyone you've had sex with in the past 60 days that you have tested positive.
- There are free resources that anonymously notify your sexual partner(s), such as tellyourpartner.org.
- Your sexual partner(s) has 3 options:
 - During your appointment with a Violet doctor, we will ask if you'd like us to mail a prescription to your sexual partner(s).
 - Your partner can go to a clinic or see their doctor, get tested, and get treatment.
 - Encourage your partner(s) to get tested through Violet, too.

GET TREATED

- Violet will contact you to schedule a video or in-person appointment with a Violet doctor.
- The doctor will prescribe you medication.

GET TESTED AGAIN

- Order another Violet test kit in 3 months, or get tested at a clinic.
- If you see STI symptoms within 3 months (check out violetproject.org/stis for a list of symptoms), see a doctor immediately.

IF YOU TEST NEGATIVE

KEEP USING CONDOMS

Even though you tested negative, it is still important to use condoms during sex! You should be using a **new** condom for every act of vaginal, oral, and anal intercourse.

KEEP GETTING TESTED

It's important for you to continue getting STI tested every 3-6 months, especially **before** having sex with someone new. Anyone you have sex with should also get tested every 3-6 months.



**FREE
CONDOMS**

violetproject.org/store

MENTAL HEALTH TIPS

Getting STI-tested can feel overwhelming, but it is one of the best things you can do for your health! It's completely normal, and it's better to know in case you need treatment.

SUPPORT LINES

Crisis Text Line: Text SIGNS to 741741 for 24/7, anonymous, and free crisis counseling.

Suicide Prevention Hotline: This call line is open 24/7. They provide free and confidential emotional support.

English: 1-800-273-8255

Spanish: 1-800-628-9454

VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Mental Health Virtual Support Group for Teens:
support.therapytribe.com/teen-support-group

HIV/AIDS Virtual Support Groups:

- bebashi.org/events
- support.therapytribe.com/hivaids-support-group

VIOLET

If you need extra support, call/text Violet anonymously:

(443) 267-7765

We can help find resources that work for you.

Or, request an appointment with a Violet doctor at
[violetproject.org/
violet-providers](http://violetproject.org/violet-providers)

