

STI TESTING

RESOURCES

Where can I go for STI and/or HIV/AIDS testing?

SIU STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

374 East Grand Avenue

Carbondale, IL 62901

Phone: 618/536-2391

Hours: Mon – Fri,

8am – 4:30pm; Closed Sat & Sun

JACKSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

415 Health Department Road

Murphysboro, IL 62966

Phone: 618/684-3143

Hours: Mon – Fri 8am – 4pm

Closed Sat & Sun

SHAWNEE HEALTH CARE

400 Lewis Lane

Carbondale, Illinois 62901

Phone: 618/519-9900

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8am – 5pm;

Wed 8am- 7pm; Closed Sat & Sun

Cost: Sliding Scale or According to Income

ADOLESCENT HEALTH CENTER

101 South Wall Street

Carbondale, Il 62901

Phone: 618/529-2621

Hours: Mon & Thurs 8am – 5pm;

Tues 8am – 7pm; Wed & Fri 8:30am – 5pm;

Closed Sat & Sun

Cost: Sliding Scale or According to Income

QUESTIONS AND FACTS

1. How do I make an appointment at SIU Student Health Services? **ANSWER:** Schedule your appointment via the web or by calling. Saluki Health Web Portal:

shc.siu.edu/appointments

Appointment Line: 618/536-2391.

2. What is a sexually transmitted infection/disease (STI/STD)? **ANSWER:** An STI is an infection passed from person to person through intimate sexual contact (penetration is not necessary for an STI to be passed).

3. What are common signs and symptoms of STIs/STDs? **ANSWER:** Remember symptoms are NOT ALWAYS APPARENT! Symptoms include: pain or burning while urinating, genital rashes, bumps or blisters, the urge to urinate more often than usual, abdominal pain, vaginal or penile discharge, vaginal bleeding between menstrual periods or intercourse, low-grade fever, painful intercourse or swelling inside the vagina or around the anus.

4. Who needs to get tested for STI/STDs? **ANSWER:** Everyone who has vaginal, anal or oral sex. If you are sexually active, make an appointment to be tested at the SIU lab or talk to your doctor about STI screening at your next appointment.

5. How often should I get tested for STI/STDs? **ANSWER:** If you are sexually active twice a year. You should get tested if you are having any symptoms, going to have sex with a new partner, having sex with more than one partner, having sex with someone who has tested positive for an STI/STD, unsure if your partner has been tested, or pregnant.

6. What should you do if you test positive for chlamydia or gonorrhea? **ANSWER:** Take all of the antibiotics prescribed. Tell your partner(s) to get tested and treated, too. Don't have sexual contact with anyone until 2 weeks after you and your partner have finished the treatment. Get tested again three months after you finish your treatment. This is to make sure you are cured and have not been re-infected.

7. Where can I get information on STI and HIV/AIDS screenings? **ANSWER:** Planned Parenthood provides extensive information on STI/ STD testing.

<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/>