

shísháhl/Sechelt Lab STI Testing

About this STI Testing Process

This process is for someone who

- Wants to get tested for HIV, syphilis, chlamydia and gonorrhea
- Has no STI signs and/or symptoms

Before getting tested

- Please do not urinate for 2 hours prior to your visit to the lab
- ID is preferred but not required for testing
- Please let us know how to contact you, by phone or outreach

Testing Process

Getting screened for STIs will involve:



A blood test: screening for HIV and syphilis



A urine test: screening for chlamydia and gonorrhea. First catch of urine stream.

Note: Results from the urine screen will not rule out chlamydia or gonorrhea present in the throat or anus. It can take up to 90 days for the STI to show up on a test. Repeat testing is required if you had a sexual encounter in the last 90 days.

Getting Your Test Results

Your results will be ready in 2-7 days. You can access your results **online or by phone** using Health Gateway. Please scan the QR code on the right to access Health Gateway.



If your results come back positive, a public health nurse will contact you to provide support and treatment, or referrals to care as needed. You will not be contacted if your results are negative.

Note: If you have tested positive for HIV in the past, public health will not contact you again about positive HIV results unless they were unable to reach you previously. If you are not on antiretroviral treatment and want to get connected to care, please call a public health nurse at 604-675-3900. We can help you find a prescriber.

If you have been told that you need treatment for syphilis, call the VCH Communicable Disease Team at **604.675.3900**.

They can provide treatment or direct you to a location where treatment is available.

If you have symptoms or if you have had sex with someone who has an STI, see a health care provider at our Sexual Health Clinics.

For clinic locations, scan the QR code below



Please note that you may require additional tests. You might also need treatment before test results are available.



Lab Location: shísháhl/Sechelt Hospital, 5544 Sunshine Coast Hwy

Lab Hours: Tues-Fri 8:30am - 4pm and Saturday 9:30am - 12pm

For more information about STIs visit [SmartSexResource.com](https://www.smartsexresource.com)