



Free home STI tests

The HSE free home STI (sexually transmitted infection) testing service is available to anyone aged 17 or older who lives in the Republic of Ireland.

You can:

- [order a test kit at sh24.ie](https://sh24.ie)
- return your samples to the lab by post
- get your test results by text message or phone call

If you have [symptoms of an STI](#) or need urgent support, you should contact your [local STI clinic](#) or GP.

STIs the kits test for

Our home test kits test for:

- [Chlamydia](#)
- [Gonorrhoea](#)
- [HIV](#)
- [Syphilis](#)

You may also get a test for [hepatitis B](#) or [hepatitis C](#) but they're not always needed.

Order a test kit online

The provider we use for this service is called 'SH:24'.

You can [order a test kit at sh24.ie](https://sh24.ie).

If no kits are available, try again the next morning.

You will get a text message once your kit has been sent.

Taking your samples

Your test kit will include:

- all the equipment you need to collect the samples
- instructions and links to videos on how to take the samples

If you have any problems, you can reply to any text from SH:24 and ask for help. A member of their clinical team will help you.

Returning your samples

You will get a stamped addressed envelope with your kit. Use this to post your samples back to the lab.

You will get a text message when the lab gets your samples.

If there is a problem with your sample (for example, if it is damaged), you will be sent another test kit.

Test results

If all your results are negative, you will get a text message with the results.

If you have a positive result for chlamydia or gonorrhoea, you will get a text message that shows the result. Your text will also explain how to get free care and treatment from an STI clinic.

If you have a reactive blood result for hepatitis B, hepatitis C or HIV, you will get a phone call with your results. If you have a reactive blood result for syphilis, you will get a text message with your results.

A reactive blood result doesn't always mean a positive result. It needs to be checked with a blood test taken by a healthcare provider. The SH:24 clinical team will explain this to you and refer you to a public STI clinic for assessment and testing.

Contact

You can contact the service by replying to any of the text messages they send you.

More information

[Sexually transmitted infections](#)