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**SAGINAW COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RECOGNIZES  
STD AWARENESS MONTH**

April is Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Awareness Month, a time to get yourself tested for STDs and raise awareness of the importance of getting tested. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates 20 million new STD Infections occur each year in the United States. For the first time in nearly a decade, rates for three of the most common STDs (chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis) all increased at the same time.

These infections can threaten immediate and long-term health and well-being. They can also increase a person's risk for getting and giving HIV. The CDC and the Saginaw County Department of Public Health are calling on individuals and healthcare providers to take three simple actions: Talk. Test. Treat.

Talk openly with your partner(s) before having sex. Talk with your healthcare provider about your sexual history, and ask what STD tests are right for you. Get tested. Many STDs have no symptoms. If you test positive for an STD, work with your provider to get the correct treatment.

The Saginaw County Department of Public Health offers STD and HIV testing. Call 989-758-3880 for an appointment or for information, or visit our website at [www.saginawpublichealth.org](http://www.saginawpublichealth.org). Be Wise. Be Well.

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