

Fast Facts

Myth or Fact? If you don't have any symptoms, you don't have a sexually transmitted disease?

Myth! Many STD's are asymptomatic - without signs or symptoms - while serious damage is being done to a woman's reproductive organs. The only way to know for sure if you are or are not infected is to be tested.

Myth or Fact? More than half of teen pregnancies happen during the first six months, after a person has sex for the first time.

Fact! Half of all first time teenage pregnancies happen within six months after losing their virginity and 20% happen within the first month.

Myth or Fact? Minors can get STD medical care in every state without their parents' permission.

Fact! In every state, minors can be treated without their parents' permission. The law applies to persons 12 years old and over in some states, and 14 years and over in other states. *Note* - Call your health department or an STD clinic to find out about the law in your state.

Myth or Fact? HIV is spread through everyday casual contact.

Myth! HIV is not spread through everyday casual contact. HIV is transmitted through vaginal, anal, or oral sex; blood-to-blood contact (sharing needles and syringes); and mother to child (during pregnancy, birth, or through breast feeding).



Sources: www.cdc.gov

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