

HIV/AIDS

What is HIV?

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a virus that fights the body's immune system and weakens the body's ability to fight disease and infection. HIV can progress to AIDS

Signs and Symptoms

The majority of people do not show symptoms of infection. When symptoms do appear, they can include:

- Sore throat
- Mouth sores
- Aching or stiff muscles
- Headaches
- Swollen glands
- Fever
- Fatigue
- Rapid weight loss

Initial symptoms can resemble the flu or mononucleosis

Transmission (How it spreads)

Sexual contact – oral, anal, and vaginal sex with in infected person

Mother-to-infant at birth or through breastfeeding

Sharing needles or other drug injection materials

Diagnosis and Treatment

Blood test or oral swab that shows antibodies associated with the virus

Urine tests

There is no cure for HIV, though medication is available to treat HIV but people may still become very sick while receiving treatment

Prevention:

Practicing safe sex

Who is at Risk?

Anyone who is sexually active

Men having sex with men are at a higher risk of infection

If you have symptoms, call your healthcare provider

Report cases to the Riley County Health Department by calling the Disease Investigation
Line: 785-317-0474

HIV is a reportable disease in the state of Kansas. All cases must be reported to KDHE via
the Epi Hotline: 877-427-7317