

GONORRHEA FACTS

WHAT IS GONORRHEA?

Gonorrhea is a bacterial infection and considered one of the more common STI/STDs in the United States. It can infect both men and women and usually goes without any symptoms. It can cause infections in the genitals, rectum, and throat. If left untreated, even with no symptoms, it can cause serious, permanent damage to a woman's reproductive system.

HOW DOES GONORRHEA SPREAD:

- Passed through vaginal, anal, or oral sex with an infected partner
- Gonorrhea can be passed even if your male partner does not ejaculate (cum)
- Once treated, you are not in the clear. You can be re-infected by a partner with Gonorrhea
- If pregnant, you can pass Gonorrhea to your baby during childbirth

HOW CAN I REDUCE MY RISKS?

- Don't have vaginal, anal, or oral sex
- If you are sexually active . . .
 - Be in a long-term mutually monogamous relationship with a partner who has been tested and has negative test results
 - Use latex condoms the correct way every time you have sex
 - Get tested regularly

BUT I HAVE NO SYMPTOMS . . .

That is common!

I'M PREGNANT WITH GONORRHEA

If you are pregnant and have Gonorrhea, you can pass the infection on to your baby during delivery. This can cause serious health problems for your baby. It is important for you to be tested at your first prenatal appointment and to get proper treatment as soon as possible to prevent health problems for your baby.

WHAT IF I DON'T GET TREATMENT?

Untreated Gonorrhea can cause serious and permanent health problems in both men and women. Gonorrhea can spread to your uterus and fallopian tubes and can lead to Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID). PID can lead to long-term pelvic pain, inability to get pregnant, and potentially deadly ectopic pregnancy.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

- Get tested
- If positive, seek treatment from your doctor, and take all of your medication prescribed.
- Get tested regularly

GONORRHEA IN EASTERN VIRGINIA

REGION:	2017	2018	2019
VA PENINSULA	1,306	1,515	1,385
Hampton	480	574	491
James City Co.	48	51	42
Newport News	720	817	771
Poquoson	1	5	5
Williamsburg	23	17	22
York County	34	51	54
SOUTHSIDE	2,803	3,106	3,077
Chesapeake	365	451	456
Franklin City	17	33	30
Isle of Wight Co.	48	47	44
Norfolk	997	1,084	1,116
Portsmouth	477	475	536
Southampton Co.	16	27	22
Suffolk	215	194	202
Virginia Beach	668	795	671
MIDDLE PENINSULA	51	80	72
Essex Co.	14	21	12
Gloucester Co.	24	26	33
King William Co.	9	17	10
King & Queen William Co.	0	9	5
Mathews Co.	2	1	8
Middlesex Co.	2	6	4
EASTERN SHORE	40	52	80
Acomack Co.	29	40	66
Northampton Co.	11	12	14
NORTHERN NECK	35	50	45
Lancaster Co.	11	12	5
Northumberland Co.	6	11	12
Richmond Co.	5	4	8
Westmoreland Co.	13	23	20
EASTERN VA TOTALS	4,235	4,803	4,659

2019 AT A GLANCE:

TOTAL CASES

United States	616,392
Virginia	13,607
Eastern Va.	4,659

CASES BY GENDER

Men	2,470
Women	2,172
Transgender	11
Unknown	6

CASES BY AGE IN YEARS

<10	2
10-14	16
15-19	912
20-24	1,499
25-29	1,022
30-34	507
35-39	322
40-44	121
45-49	89
50-54	68
55-59	48
60-64	35
>64	17
Unknown	1

CASES BY RACE/ETHNICITY

Black	3,402
White	583
Hispanic	94
Multi-Race	117
Unknown	463