COMMON STIs AND THEIR SYMPTOMS

Chlamydia

- Symptoms may show up several weeks after having sex
- Many people have NO symptoms
- Burning or pain when urinating
- Need to urinate more often
- Vagina: discharge, bleeding between periods, pain in the abdomen, fever, and vomiting
- Penis: a watery, white drip from the penis

Gonorrhea

- Symptoms may show up 1-14 days after having sex
- Many people have NO symptoms
- Thick yellow or gray discharge
- Burning or pain with urination or bowel movements
- Vagina: abnormal periods or bleeding, cramping
- Penis: needing to urinate more often, swollen or tender testicles

Hepatitis B

- Symptoms may show up 6 weeks to 6 months after contact with the Hepatitis B virus
- Many people have NO symptoms or MILD symptoms
- Flu-like feeling and tiredness that doesn't go away
- Pain in the abdomen, nausea, vomiting
- Jaundice (yellow skin)
- Dark urine, light-colored bowel movements

Herpes

- Symptoms may show up 2-12 days after having sex
- Many people have NO symptoms
- Flu-like feelings
- Small, painful blisters on the sex organs or mouth
- Itching or burning before blisters appear
- Blisters last 1-4 weeks
- Blisters go away but can come back at any time

HIV/AIDS

- Symptoms may show up weeks, months, or years after contact with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS
- Unexplained weight loss or tiredness
- Flu-like feelings that don't go away
- Diarrhea
- White spots in the mouth
- Vaginal yeast infections that don't go away

HPV/Genital Warts

- Symptoms may show up weeks, months, or years after contact with HPV
- Many people have NO symptoms
- Small, bumpy warts on sex organs or anus
- Itching or burning around the sex organs
- Warts can come back
- Some types cause cancer such as cervical cancer as well as cancer of the vulva, throat, anus, or penis

Syphilis

- **1ST STAGE:** Symptoms show up 1-12 weeks after having sex
  - Painless sores or sores on the mouth or sex organs
  - Sores last 2-6 weeks
- **2ND STAGE:** Symptoms show up as the sores heal or after
  - A rash anywhere on the body
  - Flu-like feelings
- **Symptoms can go away, but you still have syphilis**

Trichomoniasis

- Symptoms may show up 5-28 days after having sex
- Many people have NO symptoms
- Vagina: Itching, burning, or irritation in the vagina, yellow/greenish or gray discharge
- Penis: Watery and white drip from the penis, burning or pain while urinating, and needing to urinate more often

Stepping Stone
Child Advocacy & Sexual Assault Center

https://www.cdc.gov/std/general/default.htm
https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/stds-hiv-safer-sex
https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/sexually-transmitted-infections-(stis)
https://www.plannedparenthood.org/blog/std-vs-sti-whats-the-difference
www.cdc.gov/std