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<td>Symptoms show up 1–8 months after contact with HPV, the virus that causes genital warts. Small, bumpy warts on the skin and anus. Itching or burning around the sex organs.</td>
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<td>Symptoms show up 1–9 months after contact with the Hepatitis B virus. Many people have no or mild symptoms. Flu-like feelings that do not go away. Fatigue. Jaundice (yellowing of skin and eyes). Dark urine, light-colored bowel movements. There is a VACCINE—get it!</td>
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<td>Symptoms show up several months to several years after contact with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. Can be present for many years with no symptoms. Unexplained weight loss or tiredness. Flu-like feeling that do not go away.</td>
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<td>Syphilis</td>
<td>You can give syphilis to your sexual partner(s). A mother with syphilis can give it to her baby during childbirth, or while breastfeeding. A mother with HIV can give it to her baby in the womb, during childbirth, or while breastfeeding. Cured with antibiotics in 1st or 2nd stage.</td>
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<td>Most people self-resolve in 1st or 2nd stage. 1st stage: Can cause heart disease, brain damage, blindness, and death. A rash anywhere on the body. Flu-like feelings. 3rd stage: 10–30 years later: major neurological, cardiac, skeletal disease</td>
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You Can Protect Yourself

- Talk to your partner about past sex partners and about needle drug use. Don’t have sex with someone who you think may have an STI.
- Before you have sex, look closely at your partner for any signs of STI—a rash, a sore, redness or discharge. If you see anything you are worried about don’t have sex.
- Use a latex condom (rubber) for vaginal, anal and oral sex. Condoms will help protect you from STI much of the time.
- Get checked for STI every time you have a health exam. If you have more than one sex partner, get an STI check any time you think you might be at risk, even if you don’t have symptoms.
- Know the signs and symptoms of STI. If you notice a symptom that worries you, get tested!
- If you have an STI, your partner(s) must get treated when you do.
- If you have an STI, don’t have sex until your treatment is complete.
- ABOVE ALL ELSE...Talk with your partner about sex.

What you want
What your boundaries are
Your sexual histories
You will be surprised about how close you can feel when you take the time to communicate about all of this BEFORE you have sex.

For Further Information:

Project SAFE
Ocean Campus Cloud 405
Information, Referrals & Safer Sex Supplies
San Francisco AIDS Foundation Hotline
415.487.3000 or 1.800.FOR.AIDS, www.sfaf.org

Center For Disease Control & Prevention
CDC HIV & STI Info: 1.800.232.4636 or 1.800.CDC.INFO
www.cdc.gov
California AIDS Hotline
1.800.367.2437
San Francisco Sex Information Hotline
415.989.7374
Needle Exchange
HIV Prevention Project
415.241.1500, www.sfaf.org

STI FACTS

What is an STI?
Infections transmitted through sexual activity are referred to as Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), and are caused by infecting organisms. Some STIs infect sexual and reproductive organs, while others (HIV, hepatitis B, Syphilis) cause general body infections. One may have an STI and yet have no signs or symptoms, or the symptoms may go away on their own. While some STIs can be cured, others remain treatable for symptoms but cannot be cured.

How Is an STI Spread?
An STI is spread during close sexual practices, vaginal, anal, and oral sex. Some STIs (HIV and hepatitis B) are also spread by contact with infected blood. Most STI germs live in warm and moist areas and that’s the reason why they infect the mouth, rectum and sex organs (vagina, vulva, penis and testes).

What to Do
If you suspect you have contracted an STI, get tested. The STI WILL NOT disappear on it’s own! County health departments have special STI clinics. Private doctors also treat STIs. It may be embarrassing having an STI and talking about it to your health care provider, but you must get treated in order to get well. Many STIs are treated using antibiotics. Follow your doctor’s instructions! You should also inform your partner(s) of the STI that you have. If they aren’t treated, they can spread the STI...they might even re-infect you! Come to Cloud 405 for information and referrals about STIs.