

## Wildfact Come on out to the UA Mall on April 4th from 10AM-2PM for FREE STD TESTING and more at the GET YOURSELF TESTED Resource Fair!

## How much does an STD test cost without insurance?

It depends on two factors: what STDs you want to get tested for and where you get tested. To start, it is important to have an open and honest discussion with your healthcare provider about your sexual history so that they can accurately determine which types of tests need to be done - this can help save you time and money.

Where you get tested also largely affects how much you will be billed if you don't have insurance. UA students can be seen at Campus Health by making an appointment online, by phone, or by simply walking in during business hours. A medical provider can recommend which tests you should have done. Campus Health offers STD testing to students at a discounted rate. See the 2017/2018 costs below:

STD Screening	(Discounted)
Gonorrhea/Chlamydia	\$31
Syphilis	\$13
Herpes	\$59.17
HIV	\$23-\$105

If you test positive, treatment may be available with additional fees.

There are also other places to get STD testing in Tucson such as Planned Parenthood and the Pima County Health Department. They offer payment alternatives such as a sliding scale based on income and household size where they determine what you pay based on what you can afford.

If you happen to have insurance or are on your parents' plan, what is and is not covered can vary greatly. Contact your health insurer to see what is included in your plan.

After considering all this information, choose a testing location that works for you and that you are most comfortable with. The most important thing is that if you are sexually active, you continue taking steps to get tested and treated.

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