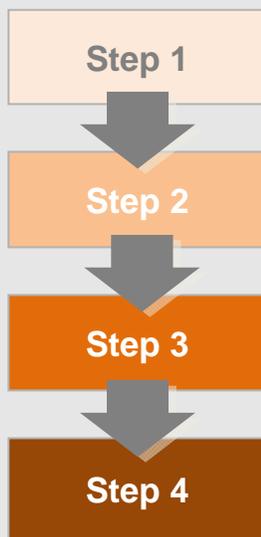




GetCheckedOnline is a new service, developed by the BC Centre for Disease Control, which allows individuals to access testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV through the internet. This program focuses on the integration of online and clinic-based sexual health services to provide more comprehensive services for people and reduce barriers to accessing testing.

BUILDING ON THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHERS... Internet –based testing programs for STIs and HIV have been successfully implemented at numerous sites in the US, the Netherlands, and the UK. We are learning from their experience, and from our own research, as we build this service in British Columbia.

HOW IT WORKS



Go to GetCheckedOnline.com

- Create your account
- Complete an assessment and get your recommended tests
- Print your laboratory requisition

Get tested

- Take your requisition to a participating LifeLabs location in Vancouver
- Give your specimens (urine: **chlamydia**, **gonorrhea**, blood: **HIV**, **syphilis**, **hepatitis C**)

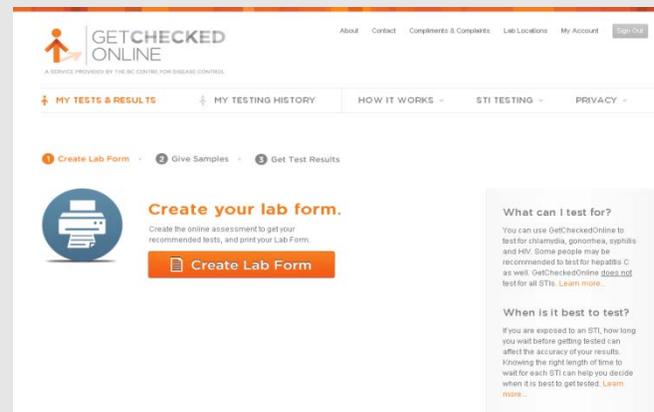
Get results

- Log into your GetCheckedOnline account
- Negative results are provided online, positive results by phone or in person

Get treated

- Clients who test positive receive referral to clinic for treatment
- Counseling, follow-up and partner notification is done as per current process

WHY TEST ONLINE? GetCheckedOnline provides an opportunity to reduce barriers and increase the uptake of testing among people who are not engaged in regular testing. It is also a way to increase the frequency of testing among those who are testing regularly. In addition, we hope that GetCheckedOnline will reduce the number of people needing to be seen for routine screening in our clinics, which can free up clinician time to see clients who are symptomatic or who need treatment.



HOW IS IT BEING IMPLEMENTED? GetCheckedOnline launched in September 2014. The first phase of the program is a Vancouver-based pilot, where GetCheckedOnline is available to attendees of the BCCDC and the Health Initiative for Men STI clinics and to men who have sex with men through a promotional campaign. During the pilot, we are **evaluating** the program to examine acceptability, user satisfaction and impacts at the population and health system level. We are also beginning to work with the regional health authorities to see how GetCheckedOnline can be implemented at other sites throughout the province.

Contact us. If you have any questions or comments about this initiative, you can email us at GetCheckedOnline@bccdc.ca