



**PIKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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This week is National STI Awareness Week. This campaign provides an opportunity to raise awareness about sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and how they impact our lives; reduce STI-related stigma, fear and discrimination; and ensure people have the tools and knowledge for prevention, testing and treatment.

STIs affect people of all ages, yet these infections take a particularly heavy toll on young people. In 2020, over half of reported cases of STIs were among adolescents and young adults aged 15-24 years. The good news is that all STIs can be treated and some can be cured.

The Pike County Health Department offers confidential sexual health services Monday-Friday from 8:30am-12pm and 1pm-5pm (closed for lunch from 12pm-1pm). Services include: emergency contraception, pregnancy testing, chlamydia and gonorrhea testing, and condom distribution.

Also, a sexual health clinic is held by a Nurse Practitioner the first and third Tuesday of each month. Patients can receive exams, prescriptions for contraception and specific trichomonas testing through this clinic. Referrals are made on an as needed basis to other agencies for services including, HIV and syphilis testing and PrEP.

To schedule an appointment call: 217-285-4407

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