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## **New STD risk assessment tool available**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has a new tool available that offers personalized recommendations for Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) screening.

The Know Your Risk website ([www.ndhealth.gov/hiv/knowyourrisk](http://www.ndhealth.gov/hiv/knowyourrisk)) is a new risk assessment tool developed by the NDDoH. On the website, individuals answer 10 questions and receive STD screening recommendations. This tool also provides information on identified risk behaviors and how they can be addressed to reduce the risk of acquiring an STD. This tool is anonymous and does not collect personally identifying information.

In 2018, 3,528 cases of chlamydia (8% increase compared to 2017), 1,371 cases of gonorrhea (42% increase) and 83 cases of syphilis (6% increase) were reported to the NDDoH.

“The first step in STD prevention is understanding your risk and being tested when it’s recommended,” said Shari Renton, surveillance coordinator for the HIV.STD.Viral Hepatitis Program. “Individuals should use the recommendations as a conversation starter with their health care provider to discuss risk and potential STD screening.”

For more information, contact Shari Renton, NDDoH, at 701-328-1059. For more information on STD screening, diagnosis and treatment, visit [www.cdc.gov/STD](http://www.cdc.gov/STD).

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