



Early Detection Guide Signs and Symptoms of HIV Infection

Most people who become infected with HIV will have some of the following symptoms. These problems can also occur with other illnesses. You may need an HIV test if you have had any of these symptoms and think you may have had an exposure to HIV.

The antibody that is found by the HIV test will usually show up no later than 6 months after an exposure to HIV. If your exposure was within the last 3 months you may need to have another HIV test to be sure you are HIV free.

Signs and Symptoms:

- **Swollen lymph nodes: may be in groin, armpits or neck areas**
- **Unexplained weight loss**
- **Low grade fever that won't go away**
- **Night sweats**
- **Diarrhea that won't go away**
- **Different kinds of skin rashes**
- **Shingles**
- **Thrush**
- **Long lasting and repeated vaginal yeast infections**
- **Extreme fatigue/weakness**
- **Muscle and/or joint pain**
- **Sore throat that won't go away**
- **Change in eating habits**