

Site Type Definitions for HIV Counseling and Testing Report Form and for Interim Rapid Testing Form

Site Type—the setting in which HIV testing is provided. Select the option that best describes where the HIV test was performed.

HIV CTS

A facility based setting where HIV prevention counseling and testing services are provided; a dedicated site primarily providing HIV counseling and testing services

Drug treatment

Inpatient drug alcohol treatment—a residential facility that provides substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation

Outpatient drug alcohol treatment clinic—a non-residential healthcare facility that provides alcohol and chemical dependency treatment services

TB Clinic

Outpatient TB clinic—a non-residential healthcare facility that specializes in the provision of tuberculosis treatment care and prevention services

Community Health

Outpatient community health clinic—a non-residential health care facility that provides primary and preventive health care services to the members of a community in which it is located

Field Visit

Testing done by disease intervention specialists at the county or state level as part of partner counseling and referral services (PCRS)

Outreach

Testing done in a community setting (defined areas in which a group of people live, work or congregate). Outreach sites include:

AIDS Service Organizations—non-clinical health association, support agency, or other service actively involved in the prevention and treatment of AIDS

School/education facilities— a building or place where individuals receive knowledge through learning and instruction

Churches/mosques/synagogues/temples— a building or place where a group of people who adhere to a common faith gather for prayer, worship, or religious ceremonies

Shelters/transitional housing— shelters are facilities in which people can stay temporarily when they would otherwise have to sleep on the street. Shelters sometimes provide other services (e.g., soup kitchen, job seeking skills training, job training, support groups), or refer their clients to agencies that do. Transitional housing is short to long-term housing (6 to 24 months) available for individuals or families who are homeless.

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(Outreach continued)

Commercial/business sites— a business or commercial facility (e.g., beauty salon, grocery store, shopping center) where HIV prevention services may also occur

Residential areas— A primary residence that might include residential neighborhoods or the common areas of apartment complexes or housing developments

Bar/club/adult entertainment

Public areas— an area, environment or context that is open to the community as a whole such as a park or city street

Worksites— a location where a worker normally performs his or her job tasks; or the businesses administrative offices; Use this site type when prevention services are delivered to a particular employer's employees.

Community centers— a facility where the members of a community can gather for social or cultural activities

An individual home or place of residence— an individual's home or place of residence

Other community Settings

STD Clinic

Outpatient health department /public health clinic-STD—a non-residential health clinic that is supported by public funds and provides STD prevention, diagnosis and treatment services; to include Adult Health clinics in local health departments

Outpatient health department public health clinic-HIV—a non-residential health clinic that is supported by public funds and provides HIV prevention, diagnosis and treatment services

Family Planning

Outpatient family planning a non-residential healthcare facility that provides pregnancy testing, birth control services, and other reproductive health services

Prenatal OB

Outpatient prenatal OB/GYN clinic—a non-residential health care facility that provides obstetric gynecological and other pregnancy related health services

Prison/Jail

Correctional facility a penal or correctional facility, prison, jail detention center, community-based rehabilitation center or any similar institution designed for the confinement of rehabilitation of criminal offenders (to include youth detention centers, half-way house, probation and parole offices)

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Hospital/Private MD

Inpatient-facility—a hospital where services are provided to patients that reside within that facility while they are receiving those services

Outpatient facility—a hospital or hospital clinic where services are provided to patients that do not reside within that facility while they are receiving services

Outpatient private medical practice—a non-residential healthcare facility that is privately owned and/or operated

Emergency Room—a section of a hospital or clinic staffed and equipped to provide emergency care to persons requiring immediate medical treatment for sudden illness or trauma

Student Health

Outpatient school university clinic—a non-residential health clinic that is operated by and provides services within a school or university setting

Other

All other settings

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Commonly Asked Questions about Site Type

Q. If a non-traditional testing site (NTS) conducts an HIV test in its main office or building, what site type should be selected?

A. *For HIV tests done in the agency's main building/office/headquarters, the site type HIV CTS should be selected. For tests done in settings away from their office, the appropriate site type should be selected (ex. outreach, jail/prison, drug treatment, etc)*

Q. There is no option of Student Health on the state lab form for HIV tests. What should a school health clinic select for site type?

A. *On the state lab form, a non-residential health clinic that is operated within a school or university setting should select site type "Other."*

On the rapid testing form a non-residential health clinic that is operated within a school or university setting should select site type "Student Health."

Q. Our health department has general health clinics (Adult Health Clinic) instead of special clinics like STD and Family Planning. What site type code should be used for patients tested in the Adult Health Clinic at the health department?

A. *"STD Clinic" should be used for HIV tests done in the Adult Health Clinic of a health department.*

Q. We are providing HIV tests in a dental clinic, what site type should be used?

A. *The site type "Other" should be selected.*

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