

Rapid HIV test:

Blood (finger stick) or oral sample is taken and developed while you wait. The test takes about 20 minutes to show the result. If your rapid HIV test is reactive (or positive), it will need to be confirmed by a standard test, which is sent to a laboratory.

Standard HIV Test:

Blood sample is taken from the vein and sent to a laboratory. You will be given an appointment to come back in two weeks after the test to get your test result.

Confidential HIV Test:

The Rapid or Standard HIV test can be done as a confidential test. If you have a confidential HIV test, you will give your name and other identifying information (age, gender) at the time of testing; and the test result will be put in your medical record. If your HIV test result is reactive (or positive), your name will be given confidentially to the New York State Department of Health to help the department better respond to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in New York State. The confidentiality of all HIV-related information is protected by New York State Public Health Law.