Chlamydia

What is Chlamydia?

Chlamydia is a sexually transmitted bacterial infection that can infect the penis, vagina, cervix, anus, urethra, throat, or eye.

Chlamydia is the most common sexually transmitted disease in the United States.

Signs and Symptoms

The majority of people do not show symptoms of infection. Symptoms in females include:

- Bleed between menstrual periods
- Vaginal bleeding after intercourse
- Abdominal pain
- Painful intercourse
- Low-grade fever
- Painful urination
- Abnormal vaginal discharge

Symptoms in men include:

- Pus or watery/milky discharge from the penis
- Pain of burning while urinating
- Swollen or tender testicles

Transmission (How it spreads)

- Sexual contact – oral, anal, and vaginal sex
- Mother-to-infant at birth

Diagnosis and Treatment

- Swab from the genital area
- Urine tests
- Antibiotics are taken for 10-14 days

Prevention:

- Practicing safe sex

Who is at Risk?

- Anyone who is sexually active

If you have symptoms, call your healthcare provider

Report cases to the Riley County Health Department by calling the Disease Investigation Line: 785-317-0474

For more information, visit:
https://www.cdc.gov/std/chlamydia/