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# SHARING THE NEEDLE

# IS SHARING AIDS



AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV (Human Immuno-deficiency Virus). The virus attacks the body's natural defences against illnesses. Once infected, a person has the HIV for life. Some people will look and feel healthy for years, others will develop AIDS and eventually die.

HIV is transmitted through sharing needles and syringes with an infected person. A small amount of blood left in a used syringe can contain HIV. If you use the same syringe, the virus is passed on to you, and you will be infected.

## 2 WAYS TO STERILIZE (CLEAN) YOUR NEEDLES AND SYRINGES



Boil needles and syringes in water for 20 minutes.



1. Pull household BLEACH mixed in water into syringe 3 times.



2. Pull water into syringe 3 times.

YOU CAN TEST FOR HIV INFECTION AT: AIDS SURVEILLANCE CENTRE, J.N. HOSPITAL, IMPHAL, & R. M. C. IMPHAL.

**You cannot recognise a person infected by HIV on sight.**



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