

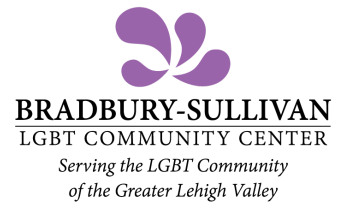
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**Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center and Allentown Health Bureau
Expand Access to Free Syphilis Testing**

The partnership is in response to a recent outbreak of syphilis in the City.

ALLENTOWN, PA - An outbreak of syphilis in Allentown has prompted Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center and Allentown Health Bureau to expand access to free testing.

A total of 76 cases of syphilis were reported in the City in 2021.

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center currently offers sexual health screenings for [HIV](#) and Hepatitis C through a partnership with Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), and now, Allentown Health Bureau has added screening for syphilis, gonorrhea, and chlamydia every **first and third Tuesday** of the month **from 4 to 6 p.m.** at Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center, located at 522 West Maple Street in Allentown.

The Allentown Health Bureau will offer two testing clinics for syphilis **today (January 26) and Wednesday, February 2 from 4 to 6 p.m.** on both days at 245 North 6th Street in Allentown.

The Health Bureau also offers syphilis testing by appointment every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon as part of its Sexually Transmitted Disease clinic. The number to call for an appointment is 610-437-7760.

Both organizations offer free, confidential testing to all community members, regardless of residence. No appointment or health insurance is required.

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About Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center: (www.bradburysullivancenter.org)

[Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center](#) provides arts, health, youth, and Pride programs to strengthen and support the LGBTQ+ community across the Greater Lehigh Valley.