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If you’re thinking about having sex, talking with your partner beforehand plays a huge role in having an honest and healthy relationship. Find out if you’re on the same page. Discuss birth control options, STI prevention and get tested together.

**PrEP for HIV.**
If your partner is HIV-positive or you have multiple sex partners, taking PrEP greatly reduces your chances of contracting the virus.

**Use Condoms.**
Condoms are the only type of birth control that offer STI protection when used correctly. Use them every time you have vaginal, oral or anal sex.

**Have Fewer Partners.**
The more partners you have, the more likely you are to get an STI and pass it on to another partner. Stay safe by only having sex with one partner who only has sex with you.

**Get Tested.**
Take charge of your sexual health and get tested for STIs. Get tested together with your partner. Find an NJFPL-supported health center near you to get tested.

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