

DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST:

Protecting our Communities



WHAT is a Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS)?

Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) are public health professionals who work to keep individuals and communities healthy by providing disease education, linkage to testing, and treatment resources to individuals who have been infected or exposed to a contagious disease.

WHEN might a DIS contact you?

If you have **tested positive** for an infection that **can be transmitted to others.**

OR

You are a part of a **communicable disease outbreak.**



A glimpse of THE DIS PROCESS



SARAH TESTS POSITIVE FOR A SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION.

Public Health is informed of Sarah's positive test result and a DIS reaches out to Sarah to make sure she was able to access treatment and prevention services.

THE DIS WILL ALSO TALK WITH SARAH ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF INFORMING HER PARTNERS

who may have been exposed to the infection and offer to assist Sarah in notifying those individuals so they can be connected to testing, treatment, and prevention resources.



PARTNER NOTIFICATION IS CONFIDENTIAL:

That means Sarah's name is NEVER revealed to the partner(s)! A more detailed description of the partner notification process can be found here: bit.ly/DISNotification-ENg



STOP THE SPREAD

To help prevent the spread of contagious diseases, it is important to respond to calls, texts, or emails from a DIS if they reach out to you. Please do not be alarmed, as this simple action can help you protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community.

