

## **Partner Notification Guidance for Follow-up of STDs**

### **Partner Notification**

10A NCAC 41A .0204 (c) (3) and 10 A NCAC 41 A .0202 (13) require follow-up of syphilis and HIV cases respectively by the Division of Public Health. The Confidential Communicable Disease Report forms (Part 1) for syphilis, HIV, and AIDS are processed for follow-up by state Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) who interview infected individuals and perform investigations to locate and refer identified partners for evaluation and management.

The local health department should assure that individuals with a positive HIV test who do not return for results are known to the HIV/STD Regional Office.

Partner notification for other bacterial sexually transmitted diseases is necessary and may occur by partner referral or other local procedures. Contact notification cards are provided as an in-kind resource for notification of partners exposed to Chlamydia and gonorrhea. These referral cards can be obtained from the [Communicable Disease Branch Regional Field Offices](#) for HIV/STD.

### **Acute HIV Follow-up**

Individuals with reactive HIV PCR will be immediately reported by the NC SLPH to the DIS STAT points-of-contact for follow-up investigation within 72 hours. Follow-up will include interview for partner identification and referral of client and partner(s) for further evaluation and management.

### **Expedited Partner Therapy**

Individuals diagnosed with Chlamydia may opt to participate in this model for assuring treatment of partner(s) who are unlikely to present for evaluation and treatment. Agencies electing to provide this option for treatment should assure practice, policy and procedure adhere to the published guidance in this manual for [expedited partner therapy](#).