



Let's Talk About...

Letting your partners know they've been exposed to an STD.

Partner Services can help.

- Your local health department offers free Partner Services to help find sex or drug-injection partners and alert them of their risk of exposure to HIV or another sexually transmitted disease (STD).
- If you have been diagnosed with an STD, we can help you tell your partners they have been exposed.
- We help your sex or drug-injection partners get fast testing and treatment.
- Infection risk decreases by treating you and your partners for STDs.

Your privacy is protected

By law, doctors must tell local and state health departments when anyone tests positive for HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea and chlamydia. It is possible the health department will have this information before you and your doctor discuss your test results. Rest assured that everything you discuss with the health department and your doctor is confidential.



Prevention and you

If you are unsure how to protect yourself or others from HIV and other STDs, talk with your health care provider. Remember, your choices affect your life, your partners' lives and the lives of others in your community.

For other resources go to:

www.sotheycanknow.org or www.InSpot.org.



Ways to inform your partners

If you have HIV or another STD (syphilis, gonorrhea or chlamydia), it is very important to let your sex or drug-injection partners know they may have been exposed.

Here are a few ways to do this:

Health department tells your partners.

A trained health department staff member contacts your partners and alerts them of their exposure without using your name. Your partners receive or are referred to testing, treatment and other services.

You tell your partners. You take on the responsibility of letting your partners know of their exposure. You inform them about local services, including testing. Partner Services coaches you through this process.

Both you and the health department tell your partners. You and health department staff tell your partners of their exposure. A staff member helps you during the process and provides your partners information, resources and testing.

Questions or need assistance? Call us!