

What is the primary function of the HIV/AIDS Surveillance program?

The HIV/AIDS Surveillance program conducts ongoing systematic collection, analysis, evaluation, and dissemination of epidemiological data. This data is used to plan, implement, and evaluate HIV/AIDS programs and interventions and to inform the public of current disease trends.

Surveillance in Orange County identifies HIV-related conditions at various points along the spectrum of the disease from reporting newly diagnosed HIV cases to death certificate review for HIV/AIDS related mortality. Data is also used to monitor trends in the epidemic. Using active case findings, uniform and timely reporting methods have enabled local, state and federal dissemination of current HIV/AIDS Surveillance data for public health monitoring and program planning purposes. HIV/AIDS Surveillance is the largest population based system for monitoring the epidemic and has become a valuable resource for allocation of federal, state and local funds for prevention and patient care.

What other services do we offer?

Orange County's HIV/AIDS Surveillance team also coordinates Partner Services (PS) for individuals who are interested in contacting partners but are unsure how to go about it. This important prevention strategy offers HIV infected individuals an opportunity to meet with a public health professional and obtain counseling, coaching, or assistance with the notification of sexual and needle-sharing partners, and if needed, referrals for medical care, case management, and support services.

All services through PS are voluntary, free, and confidential. No identifying information about the original or source individual with HIV infection is given to the notified partner(s). Maintaining the confidentiality and anonymity of the HIV-infected persons who participate in PS is critical to its success.

Assistance to physicians with HIV disclosures

Our surveillance program also provides assistance to physicians for HIV result disclosure. The Surveillance staff is comprised of individuals trained by the State Office of AIDS using the guidelines that have been established for HIV counseling and testing. Staff members possess the crucial skills needed for this task, and understand the complexities of HIV counseling and testing. The Surveillance staff will gladly assist any physician with a disclosure of a positive HIV test result.

This service is offered to help ease the burden of counseling for the physician and their staff.



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National HIV Treatment
Hotline (800) 822-7422

HIV Warmline (800) 933-3413



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