Public Health Follow-up upon Notification of a New Case of HIV Infection

Designated HIV intake nurse receives a newly positive HIV case report from BCCDC surveillance nurse. (Reported out to the HSDA where test originated).

- □ Assign to CD nurse who will initiate file
- Enter case into PARIS and begin followup

Unless testing provider declines public health supports, PHN is to contact the patient to provide education, support, and resources

- □ Understanding of and coping with diagnosis
- □ Follow-up options for clinical care
- □ Support services (Peers, counseling, etc)
- □ Immediate risk reduction/prevention of transmission strategies
- Partner elicitation
 - Current partners
 - Past partners
- □ Partner notification
 - Testing and prevention for current partners
 - Testing for past partners
- □ Partner care
 - Education about prevention for partners who are HIV negative
 - Linkage to care for partners who are positive for HIV
- Care of case
 - Periodically re-connect with case until linked and retained in care for x months.
 - Offer ongoing support as needed.

CD nurse confirms the identifiers of the requisition and result with testing health care provider (HCP).

- Discuss whether patient has received results
- Discuss if confirmatory test has been ordered/done
- Describe and offer public health supports

- Discuss with testing provider the plan for follow-up and the role that HCP and PHN will take for case:
 - Disclosure of diagnosis
 - o Follow-up blood work
 - Linkage to care
 - Partner elicitation and notification
 - Connection to supports
 - Education on transmission
- □ Request that provider inform patient that PHN will contact them
- Offer ongoing support to testing provider as needed

Consult with MHO:

- □ For every new case
- Immediately of ongoing risk of transmission
- □ If partner notification is challenging to complete
- For every case upon completion of partner notification
- Case continuing to put others at known risk.

Completed HIV case report form and BC HIV/AIDS risk assessment form:

- Document work in client file and PARIS according to minimum data standards
- □ File one copy locally and
- Mail one copy to HIV Surveillance, STI/HIV Prevention and Control, BCCDC.