

HOW YOUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT FIGHTS DISEASE OUTBREAKS



Community member becomes ill with a serious infectious disease such as measles, whooping cough, salmonella or tuberculosis.

Doctor diagnoses the patient and contacts the health department. Lab tests are often needed to confirm the diagnosis.



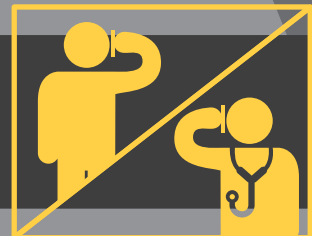
The health department interviews the sick person and finds out who he or she has had contact with while contagious and where the person has been.

We take action to prevent more people from getting sick. The actions depend on the situation. Sick people may need to stay home while they're contagious.



We educate healthcare providers, employers, schools, community members and the news media about diseases.

We continue to watch for new cases of the disease by communicating with doctors, hospitals, ambulances, laboratories, schools, employers and others. The monitoring continues until there are no new reported cases.



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