If you are diagnosed with certain diseases, you will be asked by a public health communicable disease investigator about everyone with whom you have had contact. They may talk to these individuals and ask them about their health. This is called contact tracing, and is a core public health function.

- Communicable disease investigators work to communicate with everyone that has recently been around the patient.
- These “contacts” are given information about what to look for and instructions on what to do next.

Your Role = Providing all contacts, is key to stopping the spread of disease.

1. Patient isolated & provided care.
2. Patient asked about their contacts.
3. Contacts will be watched for symptoms for a certain number of days.

Contact shows symptoms & is isolated, tested, & provided care.

Patient asked about contacts.

Contacts watched for symptoms for a certain number of days.

Cycle repeats until there are no new patients.

Contact shows no symptoms after a certain number of days.

Contact shows symptoms & is isolated, tested, & provided care.

Patient asked about contacts.

Public health system works to eliminate missed contacts.

Missed contact may spread disease to new contacts.

If no contacts, no further spread of the disease.

Contact not at risk of developing the disease.

Patient asked about their contacts.

If no contacts, no further spread of the disease.

Patient isolated & provided care.

Questions? Email COVID19.QUESTIONS@CHW.COOS.OR.US