Communicable disease nurses work to communicate with everyone that has been in contact with the patient.
- Contacts are taught how to watch for symptoms for a certain number of days (the disease’s incubation period).

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

1. **Patient Isolated & Provided Care**
   - 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.

2. **Patient asked about their contacts.**
   - Contact shows symptoms & is isolated, tested & provided care.
   - Patient asked about contacts.
   - Public health system works to eliminate missed contacts.

3. **Contacts will be watched for symptoms for a certain number of days.**
   - Missed contact may spread disease to new contacts.
   - Contact shows no symptoms after a certain number of days.

**Your role, providing all contacts, is key to stopping the spread of disease.**