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UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR ELECTRONIC REPORTING OF HIV

- HIV and AIDS Reporting to New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is mandatory [NYS Public Health Law - Article 21, Title III, Section 2130] through the **Medical Provider Report Form (PRF) DOH-4189** within 14 days of days of diagnosis.
- The **Medical Provider Report Form** is available directly from NYSDOH by calling (518) 474-4284. Reports may be submitted electronically through the NYSDOH Health Commerce System's Provider Portal: <https://commerce.health.ny.gov>
- In addition, report HIV or AIDS cases to the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health's Communicable Disease at **(845) 486-3452**. The Department is also available for assistance, including Partner Notification Services.

NYS Public Health Law requires the reporting of persons with HIV as well as AIDS to the NYSDOH, and the names of sexual or needle-sharing partners known to the medical provider or whom the infected person wishes to have notified. The Medical Provider Report Form (PRF) (DOH-4189), must be completed within 14 days of diagnosis for persons with the following diagnoses or with known sex or needle-sharing partners:

1. Initial/New HIV OR AIDS diagnosis - First report of HIV positive test results. Includes <200 CD4 cells/µL or an opportunistic infection (AIDS-defining illness).
2. Previously diagnosed HIV (non-AIDS) OR AIDS - Applies to a medical provider who is seeing the patient for the first time.
3. Known sex or needle-sharing partners of persons with diagnosed HIV infection.

The Partner Services Program provides an immediate link between providers, persons diagnosed with HIV, *Chlamydia*, gonorrhea, or syphilis, and their sexual and/or needle-sharing partners. Partner Services can serve as a provider's proxy in identifying partners, conducting domestic violence screening, partner notification, and assist in completing the PRF. Staff work with patients to develop a plan to notify their partners, and based on the patient's needs, staff can notify potentially exposed partners anonymously, as well as help patients who want to tell their partners on their own.