



HIV Partner Services

La Crosse County Health Department offers free and confidential HIV Partner Services for people living with HIV living in Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempeleau, and Vernon Counties.

If you have been recently diagnosed or are living with HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), our HIV Partner Services program can help you let your sex and/or needle-sharing partners know they may have been exposed without sharing your name.

Using the program is:

- Your choice
- Confidential
- Free

Who can use HIV Partner Services?

- Anyone who tests positive for HIV can use the program

What does Partner Services do?

No one can know their HIV status until they get testing. Letting sexual and/or needle sharing partners know they may have been exposed to HIV means that those partners can get testing and treatment sooner. This can also help partners take steps to prevent HIV in the future.

What services are provided?

- Our specialist staff will reach out to you if you've been diagnosed with HIV. We'll help you determine your needs and get medical care.
- We'll also ask you about your sex and/or needle-sharing partners. If you want us to contact your partners, we'll do so without sharing your identity. We'll tell your partners how to prevent the virus and let them know where they can get tested.
- We're required by law to provide these services, but it is your choice if and how you would like to use these services.

How will you contact my sex and/or needle-sharing partners?

We will discuss your options with you before contacting your partners. Your options include:

- We let your partners know without sharing your identity or information
- You let your partners know
 - You can notify a partner in-person, by phone, over text, by email or direct message, or anonymously using tellyourpartner.org
- We contact your partners with you
- You try to let your partners know and we contact any you couldn't reach
- Someone other than a staff member (like your doctor) lets your partners know

How can I use this program?

If you've been diagnosed with HIV and want help letting your partners know—or you're a provider who wants to refer someone to the program—call 608-266-3031.