



Concerned about preventive intervention with partners or facing a complex situation?

Your Public Health Department is here for you!

HIV Support Service

Who is it for?

All healthcare professionals and practitioners working with people living with HIV, in clinical settings or community organizations.

Why?

You are working with a person living with HIV and, despite all the support you provide:

→ **They are unable to notify all their sexual or drug use partners.**

Your Public Health Department can:

- Support your interventions with the person living with HIV (information about the infection, transmission risks, prevention, vaccination, care, etc.).
- Intervene with partners whom the person is unable to notify.
- Support the person in adopting safer behaviors to prevent transmission.

→ **They cannot or do not want to take the necessary precautions to avoid transmitting HIV.**

Your Public Health Department can:

- Assess the risk of HIV transmission in these situations.
- Analyze public health, clinical, legal, ethical, or other relevant aspects related to the person and their situation.
- Identify appropriate intervention strategies.
- Suggest relevant professional or community referrals.

! HIV is not a notifiable disease. The Public Health Department will intervene only if you make a request.

A contact to your Public Health Department's support service provides access not only to the expertise of its professionals, but also, through them, to the expertise (legal, clinical, ethical, public health, etc.) of the INSPQ, if needed.

Guiding Principles of Intervention

- A support approach that **does not replace your roles and responsibilities** (See the tool: [Supporting a person living with HIV in notifying partners: four steps](#) (French only)).
- A public health approach focused on prevention, population health protection, and risk reduction.
- A graduated-intensity approach depending on the level of transmission risk, ranging from voluntary measures to more restrictive actions.
- A strictly confidential approach.

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