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The Disease Control unit is responsible for the investigation of outbreaks of communicable diseases, surveillance of reportable diseases, and provision of educational materials and services to assist communities in reducing the incidence of communicable diseases. The Disease Control unit provides the following services:

- Infectious communicable disease investigation, tracking, and reporting
- Tuberculosis case management
- AIDS surveillance and HIV reporting
- Perinatal Hepatitis B case management
- Flu program coordination
- Immunization assistance
- Health information and recommendations
- Student nurse precepting

Public Health Nurses (PHNs) investigate reported diseases and, as appropriate, involve epidemiologists, environmental health specialists, the public health laboratory, or the health officer in their investigations. They conduct interviews, provide health education, refer for further care and treatment, and take measures to prevent further spread of the disease.

You can reach a Disease Control PHN by phone at (707) 565-4567 to respond to communicable disease reports, as well as questions or concerns from the community or health care providers. You can also use our online <u>Ask a Disease Control Nurse</u> form to ask questions or request information.

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