





Contact Investigation – Create	Name of Activity:			
	3.6 Contact Investigation - Create			
	Role performing Activity: CDC Nurse			
	Location:		Departme	nt:
Panorama – IOM	Document Owner:			
WORK STANDARD				
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See 'Contact Investigation/Documentation in Panorama – IOM' Policy

'Contact-More than one disease within a single investigation' –IOM WS

Essential Tasks:

1. ONLY IDENTIFIABLE CONTACTS TO CASES OF HIV, SYPHILIS AND HEPATITIS B (ACUTE) and MONKEYPOX (high risk exposures) require a Panorama investigation created – see contact investigation policy for definition of 'identifiable contact'.

Minimum standard;

- 1. Contact investigation is created in Panorama for HIV, Syphilis, Heb B contacts and Monkeypox (high Risk Exposures)
- 2. Risk Factor contact to a known case
- 3. Intervention Immunoprophylaxis (if applicable for MPX or Hepatitis B)
- 4. Medications if applicable (i.e. Bicillin for syphilis contacts)
- 5. Close investigation

Follow-up work may be recorded in Panorama investigation, but is not required.

NOTE: Contacts to other notifiable diseases may have a contact investigation created and documentation in Panorama.

LHN > INVESTIGATION > SUBJECT SUMMARY

- YIELD: Ensure there is not an existing recent investigation for this disease on this client. When an HIV case investigation exists, proceed to step 3 Risk Factor.
- Subject Summary page will load
- Scroll to the appropriate Encounter group
- Click on "Create Investigation" button

- **2.** Create Investigation page will load
 - > Select Disease from drop down list
 - Select Authority Always select "Provincial"
 - > Select Classification from drop down list
 - o **NOTE:** Must meet Contact Definition in CDC Manual.
 - NOTE: choose "Contact Contact". If it is determined through the investigation that the
 client does not meet contact definition, it can be changed to "Contact Not a contact" before
 closing.
 - Select Classification Date
 - o **NOTE:** Date classification is assigned/updated by investigator
 - > Select Microorganism if applicable
 - > Select Information Source epi link, select if appropriate. Note: Be sure to add a risk factor of 'contact to a known case' and include the investigation ID # of that known case in the additional info section of the risk factor.
 - Priority leave blank
 - > Select Disposition from the drop down list See definitions in the data dictionary
 - NOTE: Select Disposition as "Pending" when referring to another Public Health office (Responsible Org)
 - Select Responsible Organization from the drop down box
 - This is the area assigned as the responsible organization for the investigation follow-up. (See Assign - Transfer a Contact Investigation to a different Org – IOM WS)
 - Responsible Org. can be shared if two areas are working to complete the investigation. (See Shared ORG – IOM WS)
 - ➤ Select Responsible Organization Workgroup from drop down list use Workgroup
 - Select Responsible Organization Date
 - o **Definition:** Date Responsible organization assigned
 - Select Investigator Organization from drop down list
 - Select Investigator Workgroup from drop down list use Workgroup
 - Investigator Name leave blank
 - Select Assigned Date
 - o **Definition:** Date that the responsible organization is assigned
 - Click on radio button "Other" in Reporting Notification located under the heading "Reporting Notification" bar
 - o Enter appropriate reporting source (ie. 'Case' do not inlude the case's name)
 - Select Type of Reporting Source from drop down list Optional
 - Select Method of Notification from drop down list Optional
 - > DO NOT USE- Report Date (Sent) leave blank
 - > Select Report Date (Received) date
 - Definition: the day public health staff received the notification (ie. verbal or paper)
 - Click on "Submit" Button
 - Disease Summary page will load

3.	Create a Risk Factor
	➤ Note: Be sure to add a risk factor of 'contact to a known case' and include the investigation ID # of
	that known case in the additional info section of the risk factor.
4.	Create an Intervention for Immunoprophylaxis or Treatment if applicable.
5.	Document Immunoprophylaxis details in Panorama Imms module for any vaccine or Immune globulin
	Document medications for chemoprophylaxis in Treatment – refer to Work Standard – Medications
6.	Documentation of Contact follow up may be done in Panorama, other database or paper.
	If documentation will not be done in Panorama, create an intervention – other investigation findings,
	investigator notes and indicate where follow up work may be found.
	Close the contact investigation.
7.	Contact becomes a Case during this investigation
	 Update the classification from Contact to Case ((this is not a selection on the drop list (PROD) select Case Confirmed?))—including the date the case was diagnosed. Continue follow up within the same investigation. (No need to create a new investigation, so long as the contact investigation does not include multiple diseases)
	 If it was 'closed', you will need to re-open the investigation and select a disposition.
	Contact becomes a case at a later date (based on incubation and stage – investigator determines was not
	related to the previous contact investigation)
	Leave original 'contact' investigation intact
	 Create a new 'case' investigation for the same disease
	Revision
June 29, 2022	Added Monkeypox contact requirement and provided clarification for documenting public health interventions of prophylaxis.

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