In some ways, disease investigation is a lot like detective work. We need to look at many pieces to complete the puzzle and identify people who are or may be ill.

For COVID-19, the investigation begins when the Health District receives a positive test result from the provider or State Department of Health.

A positive lab result? This calls for an investigation!

1. The Health District is notified about a positive test result by the provider or the Washington State Department of Health.

   The Health District checks in with the person to remind them to stay home and gather more information such as:

   - What symptoms they have
   - When the symptoms started
   - Where the person has been

2. We then ask about close contacts. These include:
   - People who they live with
   - Someone within 6 feet of them for more than 10 minutes
   - Someone who had direct contact with the sick person's bodily secretions

3. Close contacts at highest risk are notified and asked to stay home and quarantine for 14 days.

   If you are identified as a close contact, the Health District will contact you.

   Names of people identified as cases or close contacts are not subject to public record and will not be disclosed.

4. Top 3 COVID-19 Symptoms*:
   - Fever
   - Coughing
   - Shortness of breath

   Symptoms can take 2-14 days to appear!

   People with these symptoms should stay home, separate themselves from others, and watch their health closely.

*Can be mild or severe