Based on the Los Angeles County Public Health Nursing Practice Manual, the guidelines for home visit by district public health nursing for acute communicable diseases establish a standardized method of follow-up.

The PHN will adhere to the following guidelines outlined in the three documents:

- Public Health Nursing Home Visit Protocol for ACD and STD
- Public Health Nursing Home Visit Required Algorithm
- Public Health Nursing Home Visit As Necessary (HVAN) Algorithm

The list of acute communicable disease on Public Health Nursing Home Visit Protocol for ACD and STD is to clarify State legal mandates per California Code of Regulations. All other diseases listed in B-73 are considered HVAN unless directed by AMD/Supervision.
**Public Health Nursing Home Visit Protocol for ACD and STD**

**ENTERICS**

**Per B-73 Guidelines**
- **Amebiasis** – HVAN
- **Salmonellosis** – HVAN
- **Shigellosis** – HVAN
- **Typhoid Fever, Acute** – R
- **Paratyphoid** – R
- **Typhoid, Chronic** – R

**Non-regulated Enterics**
- **Cryptosporidiosis** – HVAN
- **Giardiasis** – HVAN
- **Shiga toxin producing E Coli** – HVAN
- **Vibriosis** – HVAN
- **Yersiniosis** – HVAN

**OTHER**
- **Diphtheria** – R
- **Hepatitis A** – HVAN
- **Haemophilus influenzae (< 15 yrs of age)** – R
- **Measles** – R
- **Meningococcal Infections** – R
- **Pertussis** – R
- **Rabies (Post Exposure Prophylaxis)** – HVAN
- **Outbreaks (HC or non-HC settings)** – R (unless waived by AMD)
  - **Non-Standard District request as per CHS Policy #206 - HVAN**

**Diseases that may require TREATMENT or PROPHYLAXIS**

**for cases or contacts**
- **Per B-73 Guidelines**

**Legend:**
- **HVAN:** HOME VISIT AS NECESSARY - A face to face interview is conducted as necessary.
- **R:** REQUIRED - A face to face interview is required.
- (‡): Treatment must be verified with the Medical Provider.

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- **Child under 12 years with syphilis, gonorrhea, chlamydia, or pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)** (suspected child sexual abuse) – R
- **Newborn with gonorrhea / chlamydia conjunctivitis** – R
- (‡) **Pregnant/postpartum women with syphilis** – R
- (‡) **Pregnant/postpartum women with chlamydia or gonorrhea** – HVAN
- (‡) **Pregnant women with PID or HIV** – HVAN
- **Infants whose mothers were diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea at delivery** – R
- **Mothers whose infants were diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea** – R
- **Infants with suspected congenital syphilis in need of evaluation and treatment** – R
- **Interview record for investigation/referral of partners of pregnant women with syphilis** – R
- **Interview record for investigation/referral of partners of pregnant women with gonorrhea/ chlamydia or HIV- HVAN**
Public Health Nursing Home Visit **REQUIRED** Algorithm

- **CD/STD Case assigned to PHN**
- **Call Client**
- **Contact Made**
  - **Appt. Established**
- **Required HOME or SITE VISIT (SEE NOTE #1)**
- **Investigation / follow-up completed**
- **CASE CLOSED to District**

**Legend (and examples):**
- **UTL** – Unable To Locate client at known address or address is not a residence.
- **NH** – Not Home (address correct, client not home)
- **NF** – Not Found (e.g., person residing at reported address denies client is living there)

**NOTE #1:**
- Required face to face or site visit UNLESS approved by PHNS and/or AMD

- **New contact info found**
- **Client NF or UTL client**
- **Client NH**
- **Conduct 2nd home visit w/in 24h (including weekends) (SEE NOTE #1)**
- **Client found?**

- **PHNS**
  - **AMD for dispo**
  - **CASE CLOSED to District**

- **ACD**
  - **STD for dispo**

- **SPHI for dispo**
  - **SPHI → PHI new contact info?**
  - **Client located Info to PHNS for return to PHN**

- **Required HOME or SITE VISIT (SEE NOTE #1)**
- **PHNS review for dispo**
- **PHNS review → AMD or designee for dispo**

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Public Health Nursing Home Visit  **AS NECESSARY** (HVAN) Algorithm

1. **CD/STD Case assigned to PHN**
   - Call Client Contact Made
     - YES: Investigation completed by phone
     - NO: Contact made via revised info

2. **Services provided as needed (e.g. refer to HC)**
   - YES: Investigated completed by phone
   - NO: Contact made via revised info

3. **Not reachable/No response**
   - Verify contact info w/referral source

4. **No new contact info**
   - PHNS for review
     - ACD: AMD or designee for disposition
     - STD: SPHI for disposition (via Casewatch)

5. **CASE CLOSED to District**

6. **STD cases:**
   - Submit to PHNS for review & dispo (via Casewatch)

7. **ACD cases:**
   - Submit to PHNS review à AMD or designee for dispo

8. **PHNS or AMD/designee determine if Home Visit is warranted?**
   - YES: Home Visit ordered
     - See Home Visit REQUIRED algorithm
   - NO: Home Visit ordered
     - See Home Visit REQUIRED algorithm

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