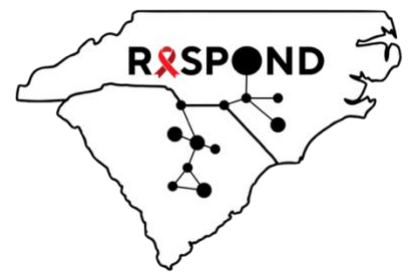


Personal Network Survey

Guide for Public Health Professionals



The **Personal Network Survey** is part of the **Carolinasp RESPOND** research project, which aims to improve engagement in HIV services in the Charlotte area. This survey asks about a person's social networks, including characteristics and behaviors of people with whom they have sex, use drugs, or who provide them social support.

Who can take the survey?

We are interested in learning more from Black men who have sex with men or Black women who are transgender who have been recently diagnosed with HIV, as well as people in their networks. This includes people who are reached during routine partner services, such as **social, sexual, or needle sharing contacts**.

Survey Participants

Index Persons



- Black or African American
 - Assigned male sex at birth
- AND
- Recently diagnosed with HIV, defined as either:

Age 18+ with acute incident HIV infection

OR

Age 18-29 with antibody-positive HIV infection

These definitions are designed to help focus the research on the needs of people in **networks of recent HIV transmission**

Index Network Members

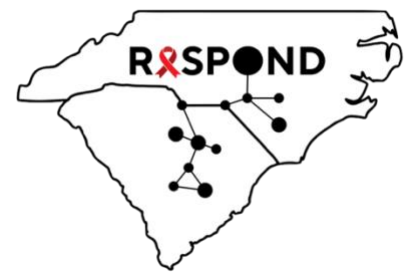
- Age 18+
- Referred to partner services during investigation of an index person as:
 - ◆ A social contact
- OR
- ◆ A sexual or needle-sharing contact
- OR
- ◆ A cluster contact for bridge counseling



People of **any race, sex, or gender** could be considered network members, but they must be 18 or older to take the survey

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Referring Participants



Researchers collaborate with Charlotte-area Health Investigators, Disease Intervention Specialists, and Linkage to Care Counselors to share information about the study with people who are involved in **networks of recent HIV transmission** – “index persons” or “index network members” – who are also interested in participating in research.

Frequently Asked Questions



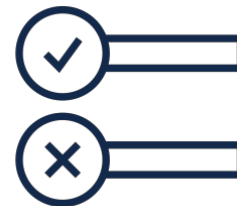
Who should I invite to the survey?

Participants must be **18 or older** to take the Personal Network Survey. See the first page for full descriptions of people in “index networks”.



How do I invite clients to participate?

Simply ask people who are eligible if they are interested. If so, provide them **a letter containing an access code** and survey link.



What will participants do?

Participants will answer questions about their social circle and sexual partners on a **secure online platform**. This will take around 30 minutes and can be done on a computer or smartphone.



Do survey participants receive any compensation?

Yes, participants who complete the Personal Network Survey will receive a \$20 Amazon Gift Card. An email address is required to redeem their gift card.

Visit the Carolinas RESPOND study website to learn more or contact the study team directly

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