

Addressing Process Complexities



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Common Process Issues

- ▶ Contact becomes ill
- ▶ It took a long time to find the contact
- ▶ They now live in another state or city
- ▶ Incorrect information about the case or contact
- ▶ Computer breaks
- ▶ Need to call back—but it's the end of your shift

Best Practices When Dealing With Process Issues

- ▶ Stay organized
 - ▶ Record data carefully
 - ▶ Write detailed notes for others to follow
- ▶ Empathize
 - ▶ Practice reflective listening
 - ▶ Provide reassurance
- ▶ **Follow local protocol, and escalate to a supervisor if needed**

Applying Best Practices: An Example

They've already been contacted by the health department

► **Stay organized**

- Check to see if a record exists
- If not, continue the call
- Collect the information
- Inform your supervisor, and make notes in the call

► **Empathize**

- *"I hear you that you're frustrated."*

Example: Follow-Up Call With Annette

- ▶ Now let's return to Annette and see how the contact tracer handles finding out that Annette is sick, using the new framework!

Video: *Follow-
Up Call With
Annette*