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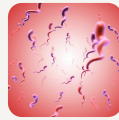
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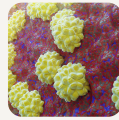


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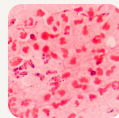
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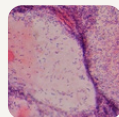
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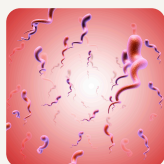
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Introduction *Syph-N-Pepa*



It's time to make some noise for the 15th annual DIS Recognition Day! National Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) Recognition Day is held on the first Friday in October (October 2 this year) to recognize the many roles that you as DIS take on to protect people across the country. Whether tackling STI prevention, tuberculosis outbreak response, HIV exposure notification, or emergency response, you bring a special set of skills and dedication matched by few in the sector.

This year's theme is **The Rhythm of Public Health** to honor the harmony that connects the collaboration, partnerships, and communities involved in disease intervention. So, let's turn up the volume as we celebrate the heartbeat behind public health: You!

Inside this toolkit is everything you'll need to get started: social media posts, merch, events, and disease intervention resources that you can use to celebrate yourself and the other DIS in your life, as well as to continue learning. We hope you'll join us in creating awareness about the important work you do, and celebrating with you!

Don't forget to tag us in your posts!

- [Facebook](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Threads](#)

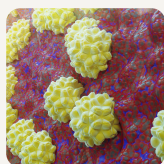


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#DISRecognitionDay
#RhythmOfPublicHealth



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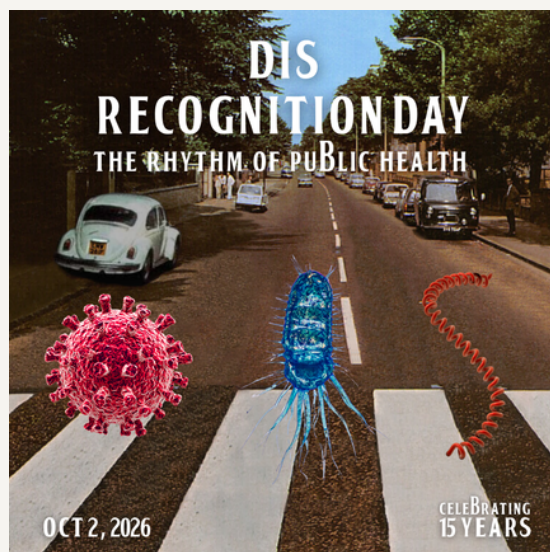
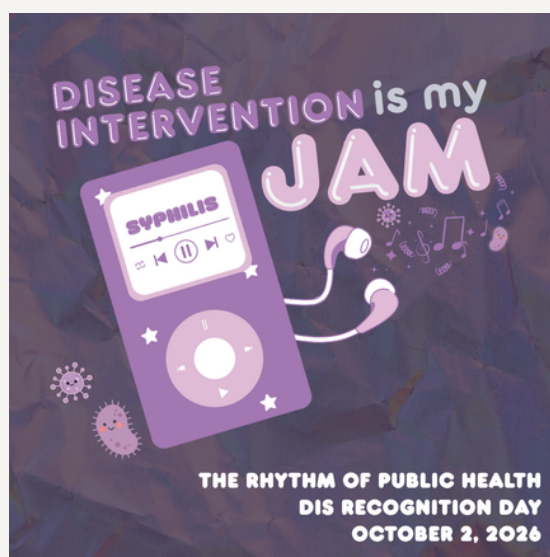
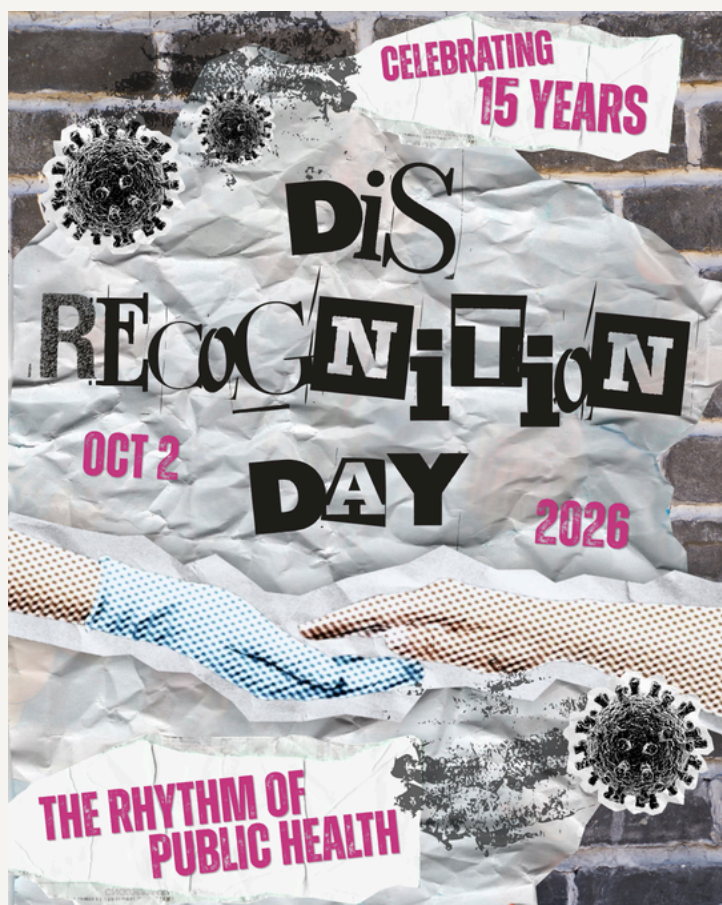


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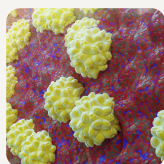


These graphics are made for sharing leading up to and on DIS Recognition Day to spread the word about the day, why it's important, and why DIS are so vital to our communities. You can access all the graphics and download them in our Google Drive. Graphics are available sized for Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram. We also have Zoom backgrounds and templates available.



[DOWNLOAD HERE](#)





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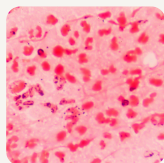


In addition to our social media graphics and Zoom backgrounds, we have a template available for DIS to share their DIS pride! Simply follow the link below, upload a photo of yourself, and drag it to the built-in photo frame. Feel free to make additional edits as you see fit, then download and share. *You will need a (free) Canva log in to customize.*



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Event Info

Gonorrhea N' Roses



We're hosting another Drop-In-Social Hour for DIS this year! Join NCSD staff and DIS from across the country for a time of games and connection. This event is open to all who would like to honor the dedication and passion of DIS, so feel free to invite your friends and coworkers to celebrate ✨you✨

Date: Friday, October 2

Time: 3:30-4:30 pm ET | 2:30-3:30 pm CT | 1:30-2:30 pm MT | 12:30-1:30 pm PT

REGISTER HERE



Groove to the rhythm of public health with a playlist made by your fellow disease intervention professionals from across the country! What album is your go-to to pump you up on your way to a field visit? What do you play to relax after a long day of contact tracing? What song do you think should be the public health anthem? Add them to our collaborative playlist!

To add a song: Follow the link and be sure to be logged into a YouTube account (if you don't have one, you can create one for free). Please note your account name will be included alongside your submission. If you would like to remain anonymous, you can email your submission to Forest at fwilde@ncsddc.org and they can add it for you under the NCSD account.

ADD A SONG



Add to our DIS Recognition Day photobooth! Just upload a photo of yourself (or, if you're camera shy, get creative with it and upload a photo of your pet, emotional support mug, etc.), add a caption, and you'll automatically be re-routed afterwards to see the compilation.

ADD YOUR PHOTO





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Disease Intervention Workforce Development

Disease intervention (DI) professionals have access to an expanding ecosystem of resources designed to support professional growth, continuing education, and workforce advancement. From certification opportunities to training, study tools, and learning resources, these efforts help strengthen and elevate the disease intervention workforce.

CDI Credential

The Certified in Disease Intervention (CDI) credential provides a nationally recognized benchmark for disease intervention practice. CDI certification assesses the competence of disease intervention professionals and serves as evidence of essential knowledge and skills. Maintaining certification requires ongoing professional development supporting continued learning and professional growth. Learn more about current CDI eligibility requirement [here](#).

UniversiDI Resources

UniversiDI connects disease intervention professionals with training, study tools, continuing education resources, and professional development opportunities that support both CDI certification and ongoing career growth.

- **CDI Planner**: The CDI Planner is your customizable roadmap to success. Designed with the busy disease intervention professional in mind, it features weekly task suggestions, journal prompts, and daily affirmations to keep you organized and inspired.
- **CDI Exam Study Guide and Companion Resource with Interactive Knowledge Checks**: Developed by subject matter experts coordinated by the National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE), these resources are organized around the six CDI exam domains to help learners focus on essential topics, identify areas for improvement, and build confidence through CDI exam-relevant scenarios.



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UniversiDI Resources (cont.)

- **Virtual Flashcards**: Mapped to CDI exam domains, these flashcards reinforce key concepts and terminology.
- **CDI Practice Tests**: Available in English and Spanish, these practice tests help assess knowledge and simulate the testing experience.

UniversiDI on the NCSD Learning Center

In partnership with ASPPH, NCSD developed a UniversiDI pathway on our Learning Center featuring a self-paced, 12-part eLearning series, Learning Spotlight videos, and special podcast episodes designed to support professional growth and CDI exam preparation. Built for disease intervention professionals, by public health experts.

Please note that you will need to log in or create a free account on the NCSD Learning Center to access these resources.

- **eLearning Modules in English**
- **eLearning Modules in Spanish**
- **Learning Spotlight Videos**: These short, animated videos provide overviews on a variety of topics relevant to UniversiDI and the CDI exam, from study skills to stress management.
- **NCSD Real Talk Special Edition Podcast Episodes**
 - **Introduction to CDI**: In this episode, NCSD sits down with Melissa Boyette, Director of Partnerships at the National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE), to discuss the Certified in Disease Intervention (CDI) program.
 - **DI Ambassadors on Certification**: This episode spotlights Disease Intervention (DI) ambassadors participating in the CDI program. Through their perspectives, the discussion explores how the CDI project is being implemented in the field, how certification elevates and validates DI work, and what professionals should know when pursuing this emerging credential.



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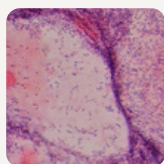
UniversiDI Summit

On June 24, ASPPH and NCSD hosted a one-day, virtual summit for disease intervention professionals. In support of the CDI program, this summit featured interactive sessions with DI professionals across the country, informational sessions on DI certification from our national partners, and subject matter expert-led training sessions on disease intervention competencies. The sessions were recorded and are available on the NCSD Learning Center. Topics include professional development, a disease intervention case study, and CDI exam domains. **Get Started**

About ASPPH

The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) represents more than 150 accredited schools and programs of public health, including a community of more than 103,000 deans, faculty, staff, and students. ASPPH is the voice of academic public health – advancing education, practice, and research. We train the next generation of public health professionals, convene leaders, generate evidence, and advocate for policies that improve the health and well-being of everyone, everywhere.

The Certified in Disease Intervention (CDI) Program is supported through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through a Cooperative Agreement awarded to the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) and sub-awarded to the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD).



DIS Merch B(V)TS



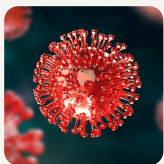
Here at NCSD, we love public health and we have a vision for a nation where all people can lead sexually healthy lives. And we love talking about it! That's why we created the NCSD Merch Store — to help fight stigma and promote sexual health through sparking conversations. Whether it's through proudly wearing a shirt destigmatizing STIs or condom usage, or one that directly invites questions, we hope that our items help normalize and promote discussions around sexual health. Plus, every purchase goes towards our mission of advancing equitable, effective STI prevention programs in all communities across the country, so you can feel good about where your money goes. Win-win!

This year, in honor of the 15th anniversary of DIS Recognition Day, we wanted to do something extra special. So, we hosted a design contest for DIS to create their own merch, and we are proud to feature new items created with Kelly Katen, a DIS from Tillamook!



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We love celebrating DIS – on DIS Recognition Day, and year-round! So let's not leave this as a one-day thing... Check out all the ways you can stay connected to our DIS work beyond October:

- **Sign up for updates and alerts:** By signing up for critical updates and alerts from NCSD, you will receive access to the latest news on public policy, professional development, and more - all the news you need on STI prevention! We have a weekly newsletter, as well as a listserv specifically for DIS-related updates.
- **Follow us on social media:**
 - [Facebook](#)
 - [LinkedIn](#)
 - [Instagram](#)
 - [Threads](#)
- **NCSD Connect:** NCSD Connect is our online community where STI professionals from across the country can connect with each other to learn, share resources, and build community.