



DISEASE INTERVENTION SPECIALIST RECOGNITION DAY

OCTOBER 2, 2026



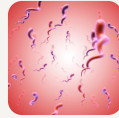
**National Coalition
of STD Directors**

UP NEXT



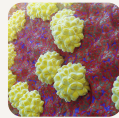
The Rhythm of Public Health

DIS Recognition Day 2026



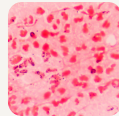
INTRODUCTION

Syph-N-Pepa



GRAPHICS

Chlamydia & The Gang



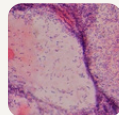
DRAFT LANGUAGE

Gonorrhea N' Roses



DI RESOURCES

Cheap Trich



DIS MERCH

B(V)TS

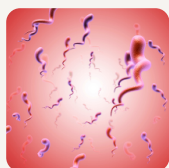


CELEBRATION IDEAS

HIV Speedwagon



National Coalition
of STD Directors



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 DIS take on to protect people across the country. Whether tackling STI prevention, tuberculosis outbreak response, HIV exposure notification, or emergency response, DIS 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 these public health rockstars!

Inside this toolkit is everything you'll need to get started: social media posts, draft language, disease intervention resources, and ideas for how to commemorate this important day and celebrate the DIS in your life. We hope you'll join us in creating awareness through social media, as well as directly with the DIS that you work alongside.

Don't forget to tag us in your posts!

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

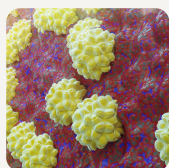


KEY HASHTAGS

#DISDay2026
#DISRecognitionDay
#RhythmOfPublicHealth



Need assistance or have questions? Email Forest at fwilde@ncsddc.org

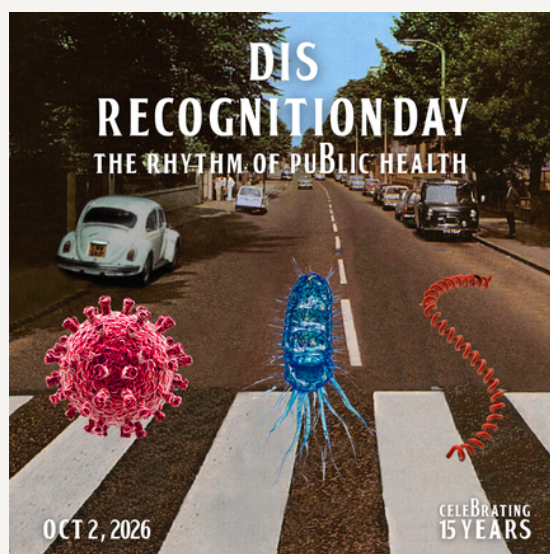
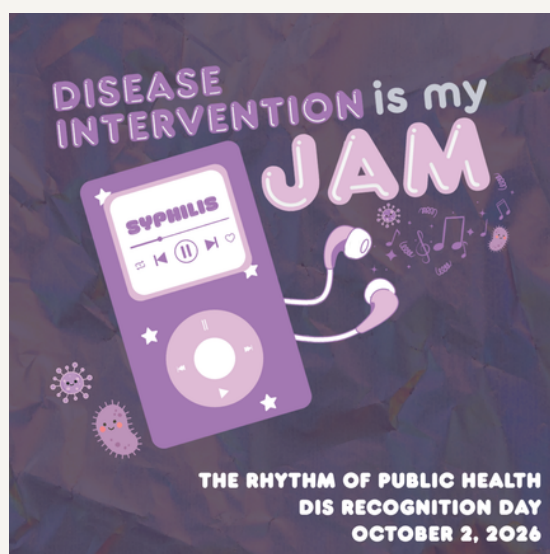
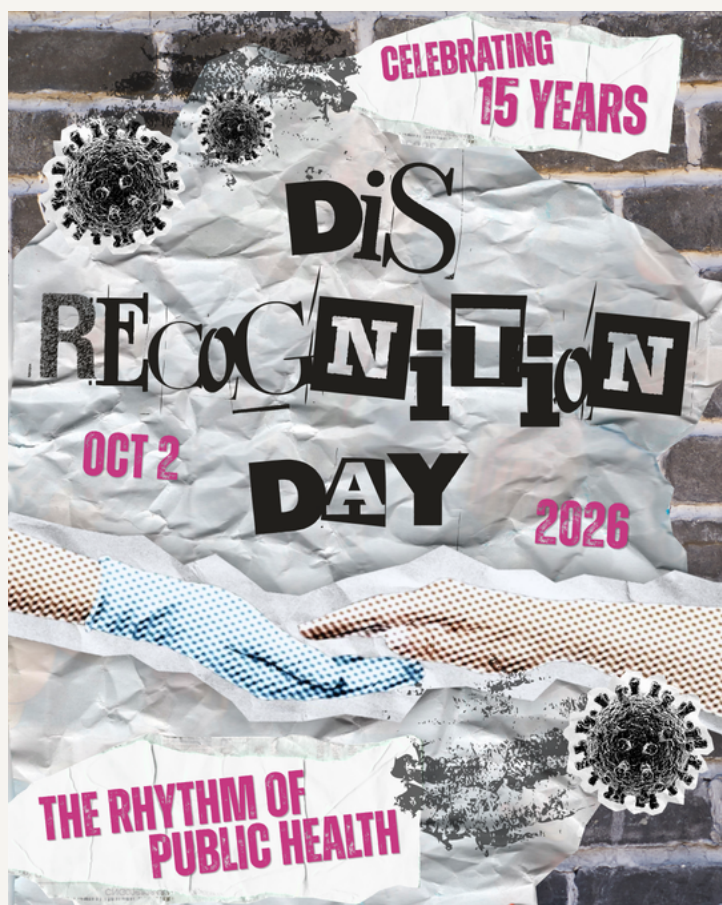


GRAPHICS

Chlamydia & The Gang

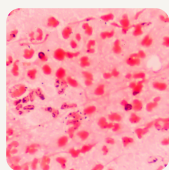


These graphics are made for sharing leading up to and on DIS Recognition Day to spread the word about the day, why it's important, and why DIS are so vital to our communities. You can access all the graphics and download them in our Google Drive. Graphics are available sized for Facebook, LinkedIn, and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



[DOWNLOAD HERE](#)





DRAFT LANGUAGE

Gonorrhea N' Roses



SHORT FORM

- Today is the 15th annual #DISRecognitionDay! DIS are the beat behind prevention, playing a key role in infection prevention. We're grateful for them every day, but especially on #DISDay2026.
- From syphilis in the 1930s to COVID-19 in 2020, DIS are there for us even when we don't know they are. That's the beauty of public health working in harmony with communities. #DISDay2026 #RhythmOfPublicHealth
- Have you thanked a DIS today? As the backbone of public health, these vital workers deserve thanks every day, but let's make some noise on #DISDay2026 to show them some extra love! #RhythmOfPublicHealth
- DIS have their origins in the 1930s to respond to rising syphilis rates. In 2026, syphilis (especially congenital syphilis) is back on the rise and DIS are still showing up to help. We ❤️ DIS! #DISDay2026 #DISRecognitionDay #RhythmOfPublicHealth
- Every conversation and connection a DIS has keeps public health moving and grooving. They are an integral part of the #RhythmOfPublicHealth and we couldn't do it without them. Thanks to all of the DIS that keep our clinic going! #DISDay2026 #DISRecognitionDay



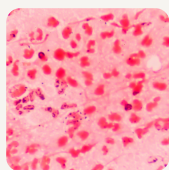
KEY HASHTAGS

#DISDay2026
#DISRecognitionDay
#RhythmOfPublicHealth



DOWNLOAD HERE





DRAFT LANGUAGE

Gonorrhea N' Roses



LONG FORM

- Let's make some noise for our DIS, who do it all in our local community! Providing non-judgmental and inclusive sexual health education, swiftly connecting people to screening and treatment services, confidentially supporting partner notification, making referrals to wraparound services including housing support or syringe exchange, and leading frontline contact tracing efforts are just the beginning of the work they do to help keep our communities healthy.
#DISDay2026 #DISRecognitionDay #RhythmOfPublicHealth
- Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) have been on the frontlines of outbreaks since the 1930s, responding to everything from anthrax, flu, measles, food-borne illness, Zika, and Ebola to HIV, STIs, COVID-19, and mpox. This country wouldn't be the same without them, and today we celebrate them as they maintain the #RhythmOfPublicHealth! #DISDay2026 #DISRecognitionDay
- Disease Intervention Specialists have been the backbone of public health for nearly a century, yet a lot of people don't even know about their role. DIS identify, track, and prevent the transmission of infections: from syphilis and other STIs, to emerging issues like COVID-19 and mpox. They work in local health departments, community based organizations, and neighborhood clinics with the goal of improving sexual health outcomes and increasing sexual health education in our communities, maintaining the #RhythmOfPublicHealth. Make sure you thank a DIS this #DISRecognitionDay!



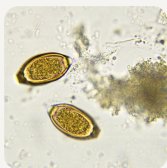
KEY HASHTAGS

#DISDay2026
#DISRecognitionDay
#RhythmOfPublicHealth



DOWNLOAD HERE





DI RESOURCES

Cheap Trich



INTERVENTION INSIGHTS

Intervention Insights is NCSD's newest, most comprehensive training product, featuring realistic, scenario-based videos that bring the challenges and successes of disease intervention work to life. Each video can be paired with a Learner Workbook full of reflection and skill-building activities, and a Trainer's Manual offering structured facilitation guides, debriefs, and adaptable discussion tools.

[Learn More](#)

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.

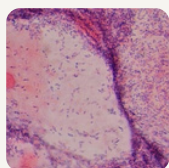
[Learn More](#)

SIGN UP FOR UPDATES AND ALERTS

By signing up for critical updates and alerts from the National Coalition of STD Directors, you will receive access to the latest news on public policy, professional development, and more - all the news you need on STI prevention!

[Get Started](#)

Questions? Email LearningCenter@ncsddc.org



DIS MERCH

B(V)TS



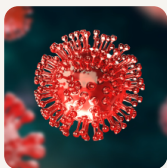
Here at NCSD, we love public health and we have a vision for a nation where all people can lead sexually healthy lives. And we love talking about it! That's why we created the NCSD Merch Store — to help fight stigma and promote sexual health through sparking conversations. Whether it's through proudly 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!



BROWSE ALL MERCH





CELEBRATION IDEAS

HIV Speedwagon



- Make some noise on social media with [our provided social media graphics](#) or photos of your own DIS and using the hashtags #DISDay2026 #DISRecognitionDay and #RhythmOfPublicHealth. Tag NCSD so we can share your posts and help them reach even more people!
- Submit a DIS you know or work with to our [DIS Hall of Fame](#)!
- Use our [Zoom backgrounds](#) leading up to and during DIS Recognition Day to show your support for DIS.
- Surprise your DIS with items from [NCSD's merch store](#).
- Print off our designs and use them as tags for gifts, or to decorate your health department's space for the day.
- Join our [DIS social hour](#) on October 2, or share the link to join with the DIS in your life.
- Add to our [collaborative playlist](#).
 - *To add a song: Follow the link included above 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.*
- Host a wellness day for your DIS.
- Bring in baked goods, breakfast, or lunch and host a mealtime celebration for the DIS at your health department.
- Put out a press release.
- Write a personal letter to say thanks to the DIS you work with.
- [Add to our photobooth](#) or [view all submissions](#).