



Using Cluster Detection and Response to Prevent the Spread of HIV in Western Virginia, 2021

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CDR uses HIV genotypes to identify groups of genetically related HIV infections, called clusters, which guides focused prevention and treatment efforts.

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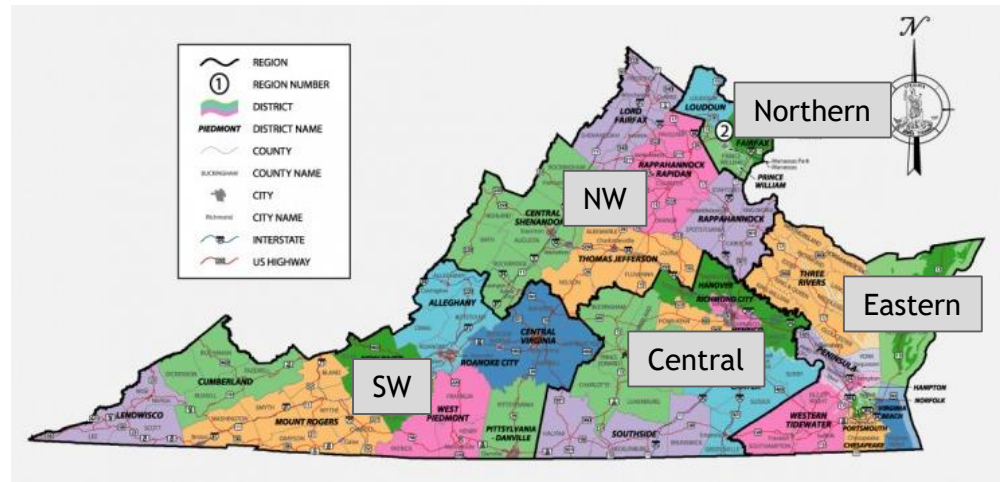
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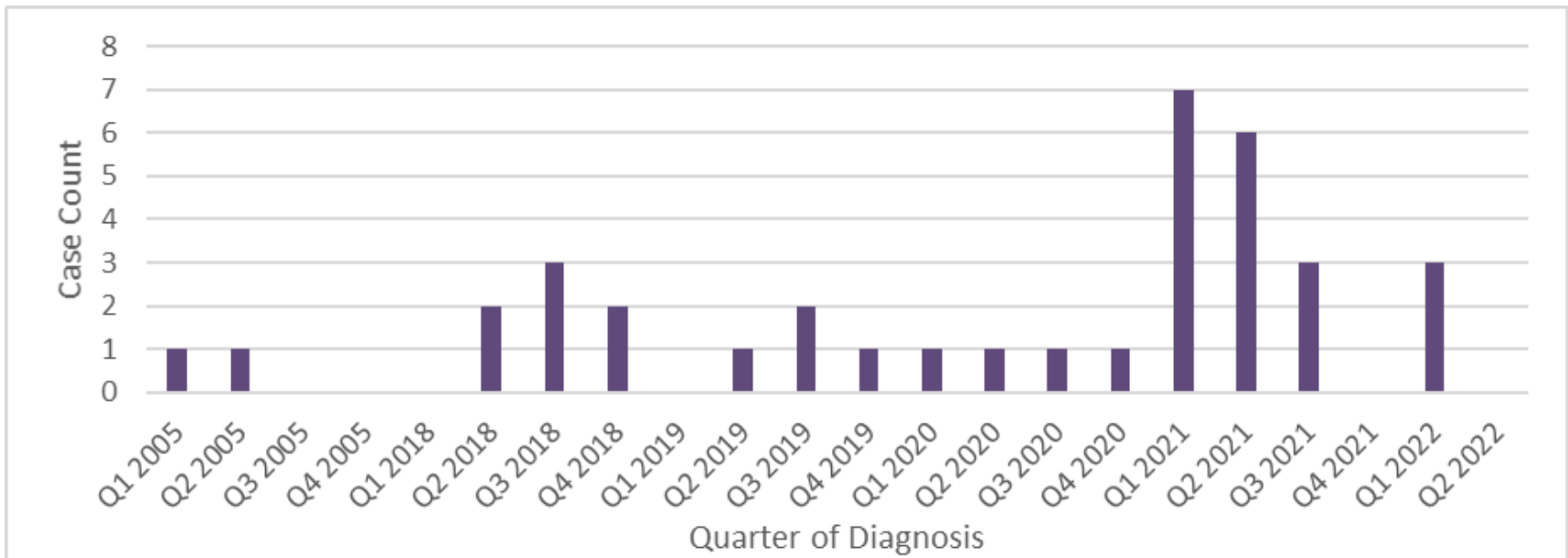
Priority Cluster in Virginia's Western Region

- Cluster first detected in 2020
 - 8 people linked to cluster
 - In care, virally suppressed
- Growth in 2021
 - Rapid growth in a short period of time
 - 36 people with HIV connected to cluster
 - 35 partners HIV- or status unknown



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Epi-curve of VA residents in Western VA Cluster



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Demographics

Number of Cases per Health District



- Wide age range
- White males with an MSM risk

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Local Level: Virginia's Western Region

- Established cluster response team in May 2021
 - 1 Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) would conduct outreach to all individuals in the cluster
 - Interviews/re-interviews
 - Linkages/re-linkages to care
 - Testing/re-testing
 - PrEP referrals



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Motivational Interviewing



- Establish a rapport with individuals
- Create a trusting atmosphere to ask sensitive questions

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Result of DIS Engagement	Count
First time interview conducted	2
Re-interview conducted	9
New partners identified	11
Persons linked to care	0
Persons living out of state	4
HIV testing performed	14
PrEP referral given	4

Questions?

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