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Dear Dr. Darling:

Thank you for contacting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and expressing your concern about the absence of the definition of "high-risk heterosexual contact" in HIV/AIDS web materials. Dr. Julie Gerberding, CDC Director, asked that I respond to your concern.

The "high-risk heterosexual contact" definition is included in CDC's surveillance reports, slide sets and other surveillance-related materials. However, you are correct that the definition is currently not included in fact sheets, Web pages and Questions and Answers. CDC agrees that it is important to include this definition to educate Americans to the dangers of having sex with a person who fit the definition as well as clarify confusion that presently exists regarding what is defined as "high-risk." As these web materials are updated and replaced on the web and in print copies, CDC will add the "high-risk heterosexual" contact definition.

Again, thank you for contacting CDC and for bringing this important issue to our attention. We appreciate your continued commitment and support to HIV prevention in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kevin A. Fenton".

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