



## **Clue**

Something that helps to solve a problem or mystery.

## **Descriptive Epidemiology**

Study of the distribution of a disease or other health-related condition.

Basis for formulating hypotheses.

## **Disease Distribution**

The pattern of how a sickness is spread out among a group of people.

## **Epidemiologist / Disease Detective**

An investigator who studies the occurrence of disease in populations of people for the purpose of preventing or controlling health problems.

## **Epidemiology**

The study of how and why diseases or other health-related conditions are distributed in a population the way they are, in other words, why some people get sick and others do not.

## **Hypothesis**

An educated guess.

An unproven idea, based on observation or reasoning, that can be proven or disproven through investigation.

## **Person, Place, and Time**

The three basic categories of clues that can describe the distribution of a disease in a population of people.

## **Population**

All the people in a particular group.

## **Stakeholder**

Someone who represents a group of people and their interests.