

## MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

- AUTHORITY:** Administrative Directive  
California Code of Regulations, Title 15 – Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities, Section 1410
- RESCINDS:** Procedure Manual Item **3-3-009**, dated **08/18/23**
- FORMS:** None
- PURPOSE:** To establish a procedure regarding the identification, control, and management of communicable diseases.

### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Within a juvenile facility, specific duties and responsibilities are required by all collaborative agencies to manage an identified communicable disease outbreak in order to minimize the spread, mitigate the impact, and provide quality care and treatment to youth.

#### B. Per Title 15, Section 1410

1. The health administrator/responsible physician, in cooperation with the facility administrator and the local health officer, shall develop written policies and procedures to address the identification, treatment, control and follow-up management of communicable diseases. The policies and procedures shall address, but not be limited to:
  - a. intake health screening procedures;
  - b. identification of relevant symptoms;
  - c. referral for medical evaluation;
  - d. treatment responsibilities during detention;
  - e. coordination with public and private community-based resources for follow-up treatment;
  - f. applicable reporting requirements; and,
  - g. strategies for handling disease outbreaks.
2. The policies and procedures shall be updated as necessary to reflect communicable disease priorities identified by the local health officer and currently recommended public health interventions.

### II. PROCEDURES

- A. Orange County Health Care Agency- Correctional Health Services (CHS) will monitor all youth in the facilities. This includes:
  - 1. Intake health screening procedures for all youth entering Juvenile Hall.
  - 2. Identify relevant symptoms.
  - 3. Refer youth for a medical evaluation with the doctor.
  - 4. CHS is responsible for all treatments during detention.
  - 5. CHS will coordinate with public and private community-based resources for follow-up treatment.
- B. Any staff member who becomes aware of the occurrence of a communicable disease in a juvenile facility shall immediately contact the Duty Officer (D.O.) or a facility administrator, and the camp nurse (when on duty and the potential outbreak is at a camp) or the Juvenile Hall Medical Unit.
- C. If a communicable disease occurrence is identified in the evening or on the weekend, the Duty Officer of the affected facility shall contact the Administrator in Charge (A.I.C.).
- D. The Juvenile Hall Medical Unit or camp nurse will advise the Duty Officer or facility administrator regarding:
  - 1. Isolation of all potentially affected youth.
  - 2. Restrictions on the movement of potentially affected youth.
  - 3. Advisability of allowing family visiting or visits by other non-critical personnel (ministers, volunteers, investigators, social workers, etc.).
- E. The Correctional Health Services (CHS) program manager and/or division manager shall:
  - 1. Contact Probation AIC or Director(s) of the affected facility.
  - 2. Convene an Outbreak Working Team at Juvenile Hall that consists of the following members:
    - a. During normal business hours: CHS Program Manager or Division Manager, on-duty CHS clinicians, CHS Supervising CCNs, Epidemiology, Probation facility director(s) from affected facilities, a CEGU designee, a Department of Education designee, the Probation food services manager (when a food borne illness is suspected), and CHS dental officer.
    - b. After hours: CHS program manager or CHS division manager, CHS Medical Director, CHS Supervising CCN, on-call CHS Senior CCN, Epidemiology (if available) and Probation AIC.

F. The Outbreak Working Team Shall:

1. Be led by the Correctional Health Services program manager.
2. Determine team meeting locations, times and frequencies.
3. Assign a staff person(s) to take minutes at meetings and distribute them to the Outbreak Working Team members.
4. Decide on required notification of the Juvenile Court.
5. Decide type and method of isolation: person, unit, camp (clean vs. contaminated units; healthy vs. ill youth).
6. Define movement of the youth and staff for visiting, school, church services, court and transfer (between units and camps).
7. Assign functions related to education of staff (medical, Probation, CEGU, school).
8. Decide logistics for letters for parents, handout(s) to the public, posting of signs, other duties as necessary (content of information will be determined by mutual agreement among the team members).

G. The Probation facility administrator or their designee(s) at affected facilities shall:

1. Post warning signs for visitors at entry sites to facility, the visiting areas and the Medical Unit.
2. Send educational letter/handouts to parents/staff regarding the outbreak.
3. Clean area(s) of contamination according to the instructions and utilizing appropriate protective gear and precautions recommended by Epidemiology and/or Environmental Health.
4. Clean soiled clothing and linen as per the recommended methods provided by Epidemiology and/or Environmental Health.
5. Keep Correctional Health Services Medical Unit and Epidemiology informed concerning ill staff by providing a daily list.
6. Assist Epidemiology in investigating the source of the outbreak.
7. Refer staff and staff samples (if applicable) to County Employee Health.
8. Provide staff with a document for their personal medical physician that provides medical information related to the outbreak.
9. Complete Worker's Compensation claim forms for staff who have reported symptoms consistent with the communicable disease and who may have been exposed to the disease while on the job.

**REFERENCES:**

Procedures:	<b>3-12-001</b>	<b>Healthcare Procedures for Probation Staff</b>
	3-13-001	Juvenile Facilities Food Service Sanitation and Safety Guidelines
Policy:	HCA Correctional Health Services – Probation Facilities Policy 2331	

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