

INMATES WITH COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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I. OBJECTIVE:

To establish the Seneca County Correctional Facility's policy and protocol for the safe and proper housing of inmates with communicable diseases.

II. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Seneca County Correctional Facility to isolate inmates with communicable diseases when medically necessary.

III. DETAILS:

- A. If it becomes necessary to provide for the medical isolation of an inmate, the following procedures will be followed:
 - 1. An isolation unit will be created consisting of cells B-21, B-22, B-23, and B-24. Only those inmates identified by the medical department as needing medical isolation will be housed within the isolation unit.
 - 2. Inmates suspected of having a communicable disease will:
 - a. be housed in an individual cell within the created isolation unit
 - b. have and utilize an individual toilet and sink
 - c. have and utilize individual soap
 - d. have their clothing washed separately from that of the general population
 - 3. Inmates suspected of having an air-borne disease such as Tuberculosis (TB) will be housed in accordance with the requirements of section 2 above, and:
 - a. be housed in a properly ventilated cell

NOTE: Proper medical and security precautions will be instituted when arranging for the housing of an inmate found to have "active" Tuberculosis.

4. Proper hand washing techniques will be maintained to prevent the spread of communicable disease. An infection control station, including a hand sanitizer station, will be located at each entrance/exit to the isolation unit.
5. Inmates suspected of having TB and/or the flu will be required to wear a mask (N 95) whenever they are outside of their assigned cell. The medical department will supply all such masks.
6. Accepted methods of handling infectious materials, including the wearing of gloves, gowns, masks, and any other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), will be followed. All potentially infected materials will be placed in a RED BIOHAZARD bag and disposed of properly.
7. Accepted methods of handling food trays and utensils used by isolated inmates will be followed, including the wearing of any necessary PPE. Any such items collected will be washed separately. Any items used that are disposable will be placed in a RED BIOHAZARD bag and disposed of properly.
8. When no longer needed as an isolation unit, each individual cell within the isolation unit will be cleaned and disinfected as directed by facility medical staff. Such cleaning, at a minimum, will include using a decontamination spray to wash all of the surfaces within the cell (walls, bunk, toilet, sink, floor, etc.) and each cell will be aired out for 48 hours. Ancillary areas (showers, ingress and egress routes, etc.) used by isolated inmates will be decontaminated as directed by facility medical staff.
9. Correction staff members will wear the proper PPE equipment whenever in contact with an infectious inmate.
10. The following procedures will be followed when an inmate identified as having an infectious air-borne disease is required to participate in court proceedings:
 - a. The medical department will:
 - i. Institute all precautionary steps necessary to contain and prevent the spread of the disease
 - ii. Notify the Shift Supervisor, Lieutenant and Chief Administrative Officer
 - iii. Request that the inmate sign a “Release of Information Consent Form” so that specific information can be shared with the Court having jurisdiction
 - b. The Shift Supervisor will:

- i. Ensure that staff is aware of precautionary measures to be taken
 - ii. Ensure that all housing needs and necessary inmate movement occurs
 - iii. Check transport log for up coming court appearances and notify the CAO
- c. The Chief Administrative Officer will:
 - i. Notify the Sheriff and Undersheriff of the situation
 - ii. Notify the court having jurisdiction over the inmate's case
 - iii. In the event the court having jurisdiction is County Court:
 - i. Notify the County Court Clerk
 - ii. Coordinate between the medical department and County Court as to the inmate's availability for court appearances
 - iii. Coordinate with the County Court Clerk as to Court proceedings to be held at the correctional facility.

NOTE: If it is necessary for any court proceedings to be conducted at the correctional facility, those proceedings will be held in a location suitable for the conduct of such proceedings. Once the court proceedings have concluded, the room and any ancillary areas will be cleaned according to medical staff directions. All professional visitor rules will be followed and copies of such rules will be provided to County Court Clerk at least one (1) week prior to any scheduled court proceeding.