**PURPOSE:**

In accordance with Section 2500, 2504, 2505, 2508, Title 17, California Administrative Code and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Regulations for Communicable Disease Reporting (B-82), patients with the following diagnosed or suspected diseases may not be admitted to nor treated at CHLA without authorization of the Infection Control Officer and should be sent to the Communicable Disease Unit, Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center.

**PROCEDURES:**

1. Patients with any of the following diagnosed or suspected diseases listed below shall not be admitted to nor treated in any healthcare facility without notification of and prior approval from the Chief of Acute Communicable Disease Control or the Director of Disease Control Programs (213) 240-7941. If after hours, contact the County Operator to reach the Administrative Officer of the Day (AOD)
2. If one of the diseases below is diagnosed or develops in a patient admitted at CHLA, LA County Department of Public Health will coordinate transferring the patient to another designated hospital, unless otherwise authorized by the hospital Infection Control Officer or designee.
3. Cholera
4. Diphtheria: Evaluation on a case-by-case basis in consultation with Acute Communicable Disease Department, LAC/DHS.
5. Diphtheria carriers may be admitted after 3 negative cultures are taken 24hrs apart, no less than 7 days after antibiotics are discontinued.
6. Plague
7. Rabies
8. Relapsing fever (louse-borne)
9. Typhus (louse-borne)
10. Viral hemorrhagic fever (i.e.: Lassa, Ebola, Marburg, Crimean-Congo).
11. Patients with suspected or confirmed communicable airborne-transmissible diseases shall not be admitted to any healthcare facility that lacks the ability to comply with the current regulations for airborne-transmissible diseases in the *California Code of Regulations,* Title 8 (i.e. no private airborne isolation rooms are available). See [Aerosol Transmissible Disease (ATB) Plan](https://secure.compliance360.com/ext/hu41kihpaTi5ldTUrQjdqQ==).
    1. If no negative pressure isolation rooms are available: suspected and or diagnosed cases in need of hospitalization should be referred to a neighboring Medical Center using the Medical Alert Center (MAC) (323) 887-5310.

**REFERENCES:**

1. Section 2500, 2504, 2505, 2508, Title 17, California Administrative Code, revised.
2. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Regulations for Communicable Disease Reporting (B-82), revised 02/2000.
3. [Aerosol Transmissible Disease (ATB) Plan](https://secure.compliance360.com/ext/hu41kihpaTi5ldTUrQjdqQ==)

**POLICY OWNER:**

*Director, Accreditation & Licensing, Infection Prevention, and Emergency Management*