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**PURPOSE:**

To outline standards that will protect patients from any unnecessary exposure to or risk of infection that may occur as a result of public exposure.

**POLICY:**

Open Door Community Health Centers (ODCHC) shall maintain entrances/exits that will allow infectious or immune compromised patients the ability to protect themselves and others from exposure while navigating the facility.

If a patient is known to have a highly infectious condition or is known to be immune compromised, the office staff will describe the process for entering the facility from an alternative entrance when the patient calls for an appointment.

If a patient's condition is not indicated until the time of the appointment, or if an alternate entrance is not available, the office staff will, upon recognizing the patient's condition, bring the patient directly in to an exam room to wait for their appointment, rather than having the patient wait in the general waiting room.

Signs shall be posted in waiting rooms and at entrances, notifying patients with coughs, symptoms of chicken pox, or other potentially infectious conditions of the appropriate procedures.

**REFERENCES:**

None

**ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:**

*OPS.021 Infectious and Immune Compromised Patients (Retired)*

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