

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES POLICY

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Departments Consulted: JCHS Laboratory JCHS Nursing JCHS Medicine	Approved By: (Signature on File) Health Services Administrator (Signature on File) Nursing Director	Approved by: (Signature on File) Medical Director

PURPOSE

To describe the process of universal opt-out HIV screening for all youth admitted to juvenile hall.

POLICY

JCHS will offer HIV screening tests to youth upon each admission to juvenile hall. Youth will be able to “opt out” of testing if desired.

PROCEDURE

1. During Nursing Intake, the nurse will explain to each youth that all newly admitted youth are tested for HIV. No additional consent form will be needed for the test. A youth may indicate that he/she would not like to be tested (opt-out).
2. The nurse will explain the importance of HIV testing for all sexually active persons (per CDC guidelines) and inform the youth that results will be provided to them by a physician. This HIV test is also collected in conjunction with other sexually transmitted disease tests currently being collected such as the urine gonorrhea and urine chlamydia tests and the serum syphilis test. These results are confidential to only those with access to the medical record or to the Probation facility leadership.
3. If a youth opts out of the HIV testing, the nurse shall document in the Nursing Intake Assessment form that the youth was offered the test and declined.
4. If the youth agrees to the test, the blood specimen will be collected according to the Laboratory procedure guidelines – Specimen Collection - Venipuncture.
5. Physicians will counsel the youth on the test results. Also, resources are available through the LAC+USC Infectious Disease clinic for specialty care.

AUTHORITY

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3. “Adolescents and HIV Infection: The Pediatrician’s Role in Promoting Routine Testing”, *Pediatrics*, November, 2011, Volume 128, Issue 5
(<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/128/5/1023>)

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REFERENCE

1. Juvenile Court Health Services Laboratory Procedures – B-001 “Specimen Collection – Venipuncture”.
2. Juvenile Court Health Services Nursing Procedures #003 – “Admissions”

REVIEW DATES

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