

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the care of youth with communicable disease including medical isolation if indicated.

POLICY

Youth who are suspected of having a communicable disease are to be evaluated and treated with the possibility of being medically isolated.

PROCEDURE

Infectious Disease Management

Juvenile Halls:

- Youth who are suspected of having a communicable disease will be placed on transmission-based precautions based on their symptoms (e.g., youth requiring respiratory isolation should immediately have a surgical mask placed to cover youth's nose and mouth).
- Youth with a febrile illness will be housed in a Medical Housing Unit at a juvenile hall until they are afebrile and otherwise medically cleared to return to a regular living unit.
- Youth who are diagnosed with or suspected of having an infectious disease requiring medical isolation will be housed in a Medical Housing Unit or other appropriately segregated living unit until cleared by a physician.
- Youth who require medical isolation in a Medical Housing Unit or other appropriately segregated living unit will have access to a separate toilet, hand-washing facility, and single-service towels for the duration of their isolation.
Juveniles who are released and require continued treatment for an infectious disease will be discharged with appropriate community referrals for follow-up care and the Department of Public Health will be notified, if needed

Residential Treatment Camps (including Dorothy Kirby Center):

- Youth who are suspected of having a communicable disease will be placed on transmission-based precautions based on their symptoms (e.g., youth requiring respiratory isolation should immediately have a surgical mask placed to cover youth's nose and mouth).

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- Youth with a febrile illness will be transferred to a juvenile hall for further management.
- Youth who are diagnosed with or suspected of having an infectious disease requiring medical isolation will be transported to the nearest Juvenile Hall and will be housed in a Medical Housing Unit or other appropriately segregated living unit until cleared by a physician.
- If a significant number of youth are affected at a camp requiring medical isolation, and there is an appropriate isolation location at the camp facility, they may be housed at this location unless their medical condition warrants closer monitoring.

Infection Control Program

- The Infection Preventionist will develop and annually review an Infection Control Plan for all facilities. The plan will be available for all staff and a copy will be maintained at all facilities.
- All medical, dental, and laboratory equipment must be appropriately maintained and decontaminated.
- Sharps and biohazardous wastes must be disposed of properly.
- Standard precautions will be used by all healthcare staff to minimize the risk of exposure to blood or body fluids of potentially-infected youth.

Immunization of Youth

- Attempts to obtain historical immunization records of all youth start at the time of admission. Records are reviewed and age-appropriate vaccinations will be administered if a youth is not up-to-date or if records cannot be obtained in a timely manner.
- Youth who require serial immunizations (e.g., second or third doses) during their time in custody will be given the immunizations according to the appropriate schedule recommendations.

AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Article 8, Section 1410

REFERENCE

JCHS Infection Control Plan
NCCHC Standard Y-B-01
CDC Recommended Immunization Schedules for Children and Adolescents

REVIEW DATES

July 7, 2011; December 28, 2012; June 2, 2018; February 8, 2019; June 29, 2021