

# JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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**PURPOSE**

To develop and establish those practices which will protect dentists, dental assistants, and youths from cross infection.

**POLICY**

The dental staff will carry out all dental procedures and treatments using procedures consistent with the JCHS Infection Control Plan including appropriate methods of asepsis or sterilization for environmental surfaces, instruments, and other equipment.

**PROCEDURE**

- Medical History – a completed medical history should be available before any clinical examination or treatment to determine the current medical status of the youth.
- Standard Precautions – Staff shall properly wash their hands before and after performing examinations or procedures on youths. Dental staff with potentially communicable infections should report such to the Dental Supervisor, Administrator or Chief Physician, or the Medical Director.
- Physical Barriers – Staff shall wear the necessary protective gear during all forms of dental treatments. This includes eye protection, gloves, masks, and gowns.
- Dental instruments and surfaces are to be cleaned and sterilized consistent with procedures in the JCHS Infection Control Plan.
- Monthly reports of sterilization audits will be submitted to the responsible health authority and Infection Control Committee.

**AUTHORITY**

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

**REFERENCE**

NCCHC Standard Y-B-01