



INFECTION CONTROL ISOLATION TECHNIQUE

POLICY.

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Adult Jail (AJ) to have a clear and consistent standard of isolation techniques for the prevention of the spread of blood-borne pathogens.

PROCEDURES.

- A-1.** Place inmate in a medical isolation cell, Cell 301, 302, 305, 306, 309 or the Medical Unit.
- B-1.** Ensure the inmate is provided disposable plates and utensils.
- C-1.** Wear gloves when exchanging linens and clothing.
- D-1.** All personal items stay in the cell.
 - a. Discard library paperback books when the inmate is released or returned to general population.
- E-1.** Place a large garbage sack in the cell for disposable items and instruct the inmate to use it.
- F-1.** If an inmate worker is assigned to assist with any of these duties, a deputy will ensure the inmate worker follows preventative exposure guidelines outlined below.
- G-1.** When the garbage sack is full:
 - a. Wear latex gloves when handling the garbage sack
 - b. Remove excess air from the sack and tie it closed
 - c. Place in collection outside the garbage collection container
 - 1) Remove gloves and dispose
 - 2) Wash hands
 - d. When isolation has been discontinued:
 - 1) Place all of the inmate's disposable waste in the outside garbage collection container.
 - e. Empty the hazard's hamper
 - 1) Remove the hazardous waste bag from the hamper and tie it closed
 - 2) Deliver the closed hazardous waste bag to the nurse's office and place it inside the "Biomedical Waste" box.

H-1. Wash hands after every contact, even though gloves have been worn

I-1. Wipe down the telephone with bleach and water:

- a. One part bleach to ten parts water
 - 1) Bleach and water solution has to be mixed on a daily basis. Bleach solution is good only for 24 hours.
- b. Once the solution has been prepared, place it in a spray bottle
- c. Instead of bleach, the telephone may be wiped down with Sani-Wipe or an equivalent that is labeled as "Tuberculidal."

J-1. After isolation is discontinued or the inmate is released:

- a. Clean the cell door, food slot, mattress, pillow, bed-frame, toilet and sink area with the bleach/water mixture (1:10) or a disinfectant that is labeled effective for blood-borne pathogens, bacteria fungus, viruses and a tuberculocidal.
- b. Dispose of all personal items not released with the inmate in a garbage sack and place it in an outside garbage collection container.
- c. Place linens and clothing in a water-soluble laundry bag and place in the laundry room.