INFECTION CONTROL
ISOLATION TECHNIQUE

POLICY.

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Adult Jail (DCAJ) 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 302, Cell 303 or the medical unit.

B-1. Ensure the inmate is provided disposable plates and silverware.

C-1. Wear gloves when exchanging linens and clothing.

D-1. All personal items stay in the cell.
   a. Library paperback books are to be thrown away 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 corrections deputy will insure the inmate worker follows the guidelines.

G-1. When the garbage back 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.

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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 Purex, the telephone may be wiped down with Sani-Wipe or an equivalent that is labeled as “Tubercidal.”

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