



INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

POLICY.

It is the policy of the Deschutes County Adult Jail (DCAJ) to maintain an infection control program that includes the screening of inmates, prevention techniques, treatment, and reporting of infections in accordance with local and state laws.

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is to maintain an infection control program to assure the safety and security of the inmates and workers in the Deschutes County Adult Jail.

REFERENCES.

- Hepatitis Infection Control Policy No. MD-10
- Intake Screening, Policy No. CD-5-2
- Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan, Policy No. MD-8
- Tuberculosis-Infection Control, Policy No. MD-9

DEFINITIONS.

Exposure Control Plan. Actions to be taken to eliminate or minimize exposure to pathogens.

Medical Isolation. Housing in a separate room with appropriate accommodations for activities of daily living.

Standard Precautions. Combine the major features of universal precautions (designed to reduce the risk of transmission of blood borne pathogens) and body secretion isolation (designed to reduce the transmission of pathogens from moist body substances).

SECTION A: GENERAL GUIDELINES

- A-1.** A written exposure control plan shall be in place describing the actions staff may take to eliminate or minimize pathogen exposure.

- A-2.** All new admissions to the Facility will be screened for infectious diseases as outlined in the Intake Medical Screening Policy No. CD-5-2. If a new admission makes reference to Hepatitis, refer to Hepatitis Infection Control Policy No. MD-10. If the same applies to questions concerning Tuberculosis, refer to Tuberculosis Policy No. MD-9.
- A-3.** Medical isolation shall occur for inmates contaminated by an infectious disease by housing the inmate in separate and appropriate housing.
- A-4.** Any inmate or staff person diagnosed with a reportable communicable disease will receive routine epidemiology follow-up by the Health Department with any work restrictions required for the specific disease as mandated by ORS and OAR. The inmate's and/or staff person's right to confidentiality will be respected.

SECTION B: PREVENTION

- B-1.** All staff shall follow strict adherence to standard precautions.
- B-2.** All staff will wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water after use of the restroom and before eating or handling food.
- B-3.** All staff shall be oriented to the DCAJ Blood-Borne Pathogen Policy, MD-8, Hepatitis Policy, MD-10, and Tuberculosis Policy, MD-9.
- B-4.** A source of water, soap, disinfectant solution and disposable towels will be available.
- B-5.** Staff with cuts, scratches or other lesions on the hands or other exposed areas shall wear covering bandages and/or gloves to prevent blood/body fluid contamination of their surroundings or other persons and decrease risk of infection.
- B-6.** Disposable gloves shall be worn when providing first aid for bleeding injuries.
- B-7.** Contact of the skin with blood or body fluids from other persons should be avoided. If such exposure occurs, the affected skin should be washed thoroughly with soap and water. Promptly report any exposure to the shift supervisor on duty and submit an incident report. Refer to Blood-Borne Pathogen Policy, MD-8.
- B-8.** Environmental surfaces on which body fluids have spilled shall be cleaned with soap and water followed by a tubercidal disinfectant.
- B-9.** A hazards hamper shall be used for gloves, bandages, etc. that have been soiled by body fluids.

FORMS USED:

- Incident Report (JMS)