

**GENERAL DISTRIBUTION**

**WEST VIRGINIA  
DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS  
& REHABILITATION**

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**SUBJECT: COMMUNICABLE AND  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

# **POLICY DIRECTIVE**

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**PURPOSE:**

To provide policy and procedure outlining the agency's program to address the management of communicable and infectious diseases in offenders.

**REFERENCE:**

ACA Expected Practices 5-ACI-6A-12 through 17; 5-ALDF-4C-14 through 18; 5-JCF-5C-23 through 27 and 63; 3-JDF-4C-36 through 38; and 2-CO-4E-01; and National Commission on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC) §§P-B-02, J-B-02, and Y-B-02.

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

No additional written instructions on this subject are required.

**CANCELLATION:**

Any previous written instruction on the subject.

**APPLICABILITY:**

All facilities within the Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR). This Policy is available for general distribution.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Offender:** For the purposes of this Policy, includes adult inmates, young adult offenders, and juvenile residents.

**POLICY:**

- I. There is a written plan that addresses the management of infectious and communicable diseases. The plan includes procedures for prevention, education, identification,

surveillance, immunization (when applicable), treatment, follow-up, isolation (when indicated), and reporting requirements to applicable local, state, and federal agencies.

- II. The Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DCR) works cooperatively with the vendor contracted to provide health care services for the management of communicable and infectious diseases.
  - A. The contracted vendor provides infectious diseases and infection control guidelines for all DCR facilities. The guidelines include a plan for the management of biohazardous waste and the decontamination of medical and dental equipment. The written instructions provide guidelines on the following:
    - 1. Prevention to include immunizations, when applicable.
    - 2. Surveillance (identification and monitoring).
    - 3. Offenders' education and staff training.
    - 4. Treatment to include medical isolation, when indicated.
    - 5. Follow-up care.
    - 6. Reporting requirements to applicable local, state, and federal agencies.
    - 7. Confidentiality/protected health information.
    - 8. Appropriate safeguards for offenders and staff.
    - 9. Post-exposure management protocols particularly for HIV and viral hepatitis infection.
  - B. A multidisciplinary team that includes clinical, security and leadership in each facility meets at least quarterly to review and discuss communicable disease and infection-control activities.
- III. The management of offenders with Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) includes procedures for:
  - A. Evaluating and treated infected offenders in accordance with an approved practice guideline.
  - B. Medical isolation, when indicated.
  - C. Follow-up care, including arrangements with appropriate health care authorities for continuity of care if offenders are relocated prior to the completion of therapy.
- IV. Management of tuberculosis (TB) in offenders includes procedures for:

- A. Initial and ongoing testing.
  - B. Treatment, of latent tuberculosis infection and tuberculosis disease.
  - C. Medical isolation, when indicated.
  - D. Follow-up care, including arrangements with appropriate health-care authorities for continuity of care if offender is released prior to the completion of therapy.
- V. Management of hepatitis A, B, and C in offenders includes procedures for:
- A. When and where offenders are to be tested/screened.
  - B. Hepatitis A and B immunization, when applicable.
  - C. Treatment protocols.
  - D. When and under what conditions offenders are to be separated from the general population.
  - E. Follow-up care, including arrangements with appropriate health-care authorities for continuity of care if offender is released prior to the completion of therapy.
- VI. Management of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) in offenders includes procedures for:
- A. When and where offenders are to be HIV tested.
  - B. Pre- and post-test counseling.
  - C. Immunization and prevention measures, when applicable.
  - D. Treatment protocols.
  - E. Confidentiality/protected health information.
  - F. When and under what conditions offenders are to be separated from the general population.
  - G. Follow-up care, including arrangements with appropriate health-care authorities for continuity of care if offender is released prior to the completion of therapy.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None.

APPROVED SIGNATURE:

David L. Kelly, Commissioner

Date