



CORRECTIONS MEDICINE
Communicable Disease, Isolation, and Infection Control Program
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To provide a written plan that addresses the management of infectious and communicable diseases to protect the health of the patients, staff, volunteers, and visitors in the the Buzz Westfall Justice Center.

- II. **POLICY:** Corrections Medicine shall implement infection control measures for staff and patients to include screening, testing, treatment, prevention strategies, special supervision or special housing arrangements, as appropriate. Processes will ensure protection of individual confidentiality.

- III. **RESPONSIBILITY:** All Corrections Medicine staff are responsible for the contents of this policy and the procedure therein.

- IV. **PROCEDURES:**
 1. Any patient with an active communicable disease shall be reported to the Saint Louis County Department of Public Health (DPH) division of Communicable Disease Control Services (CDCS). Special supervision and housing arrangements shall be determined by the medical providers and Department of Justice Service (DJS) administrative staff.

 2. When necessary, negative pressure rooms are available in the Infirmary for patients who must be on respiratory isolation. These rooms are also used for contact isolation, as needed.

 3. Ongoing educational opportunities shall be provided to staff through:
 - a. On-site in-service programs
 - b. Self-study articles
 - c. Online programs
 - d. Local off-site seminars

 4. Staff shall receive infection control training during orientation and annually which includes training on:
 - a. Blood Borne Pathogens
 - b. Tuberculosis
 - c. Influenza
 - d. Sexually Transmitted Infections
 - e. Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus/Staph

 5. Patient education is provided through:
 - a. The inmate orientation program
 - b. Pamphlets available for reading and viewing in the clinic area
 - c. Informational posters
 - d. Patient education by medical staff

V. **REFERENCES:**

Standard 4-ALDF-4C-14; Performance-Based Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities;
American Correctional Association; 2004

Standard J-B-01; Jail Standards; National Commission on Correctional Health Care; 2018

Department of Justice Services Policy 1308 “Contagious Diseases/Epidemic”