

POLICY

It is the policy of the Michigan Department of Human Services Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ) that youth with communicable diseases are identified and treated by medical care staff.

PURPOSE

This policy provides guidance to staff when working with youths who have a communicable disease.

DEFINITIONS

See JRG, JJ Residential Glossary.

**RESPONSIBLE
STAFF**

Designated in the facility standard operating procedure.

PROCEDURE

Each facility is required to develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) relative to the transmission of communicable diseases. At a minimum, these SOPs must contain the following requirements:

**Communicable
Disease
Suspected****Referral:**

- When a youth exhibits symptoms that indicate the presence of a communicable disease, staff immediately refer the youth to a physician for testing, diagnosis and treatment.

Response:

- The physician may impose conditions that restrict the youth's association with others in the interest of public health and resident safety.
- The facility/center director or designee is informed of the youth's health status and approves of changes to the youth's treatment program that are needed if the youth remains in the residential program.

- Youth diagnosed with a communicable disease are not restricted beyond routine program requirements in their association with others unless there are exceptional documented behavioral and medical circumstances unique to the youth.
- Excluding HIV and AIDS, medical staff have the obligation to report all instances of a communicable disease or diagnosed serious infection to the local health department.

Hospitalization:

- If the youth is hospitalized by a physician, the facility/center director or designee notifies:
 - The youth's parent/legal guardian.
 - The youth's JJS, CMO worker or probation officer.
 - The director of the BJJ residential facilities division.
- The facility/center director or designee arranges with the hospital to provide sufficient security to ensure the safety of the youth and the public.

Universal Precautions

Because it is not medically possible to detect early stages of many communicable diseases, staff should always practice universal precautions.

AUTHORITY

Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.115a(1)(l)

Community Health Rules, R 325.172