

Section 10: Medical / Mental Health

Subject: Health Appraisal

Minimum Standard: 5120:1-8-09(D)

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POLICY

Minimum Standards for Jails in Ohio mandate that, within fourteen days, a licensed nurse, physician, physician's assistant, EMT, or paramedic shall complete a health appraisal to determine the medical and mental health condition for each inmate in custody in the Erie County Jail. It is the policy of the Erie County Jail that this health appraisal will be conducted within seventy-two (72) hours of an inmate's admission to the jail.

PROCEDURE

1. An Erie County Health Department nurse, assigned to the jail, will conduct the required health appraisal of each inmate that was incarcerated within seventy-two (72) hours of the inmate's admission.
 - a. Health appraisals will take place at a time mutually agreed upon between the Sheriff's Office and the Health Department--preferably during day shift
 - b. The nurse will generate a list of inmates that need to be seen pursuant to the requirements of the current jail records management system (RMS).
2. Health appraisals will be conducted daily in the Medical Exam Room of the Erie County Jail.
 - a. Corrections Officer(s) will provide a safe and secure environment for the nurse by:
 1. Escorting inmates to and from the Medical Holding Cell, based upon the nurse's indication to the Corrections Officer(s) of the order in which an inmate will be seen; and
 2. Securing a maximum of six (6) inmates in the Medical Holding Cell together to wait to be called by the nurse for an individual health appraisal; and
 3. Escorting single inmates only from the Medical Holding Cell to the Medical Exam Room for a health assessment; and
 4. Remaining within sight of the inmate at all times while the inmate is in the exam room.
 - b. The Corrections Officer(s) escorting the inmate(s) for a health appraisal will log a sick call event in the RMS. This log entry will include the date and time of sick call, the name of each individual inmate seen, and the name of the Corrections Officer(s) involved.
3. The health appraisal conducted by the nurse shall at least include the following:

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- a. Review of receiving/booking information; and collection of any additional data necessary to complete the medical, dental, and mental health history(ies); and
- b. Laboratory and/or diagnostic tests to be conducted to detect tuberculosis and/or any other suspected communicable diseases that the inmate may be infected with, as designated by the nurse or other health authority; and
 1. Record of the inmate's height, weight, pulse, blood pressure, and temperature; and
 2. Results of any medical examination conducted determined by the examiner (nurse and/or jail physician and/or other health practitioner; and
 3. Mental health assessment; and
 4. Initiation of therapy when determined necessary by the nurse/physician; and.
 5. Development and implementation of a treatment plan for any illnesses/diseases that the inmate may be afflicted with; and
 6. Any other test and/or examination as determined to be necessary the nurse and/or jail physician and/or other health practitioner.