

## Section 6: Jail Emergencies Response Plan

### Subject: Contagious Disease

Minimum Standard: 5120:1-8-03(B)(4)

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### POLICY

The Erie County Jail shall have policies and procedures, and practices which evidence that there is a plan that guides the jail's response to emergencies. All jail personnel will be trained in the implementation of the emergency plan. The emergency plan will include procedures to be followed in situations that threaten jail security.

### DEFINITION

A jail emergency can be, but not limited to, escape, hostage situation, fire, riot, food poisoning, civil disturbance in the community, natural disaster, suicide, other death, outbreak of contagious disease, inmate strike and other disturbances, bomb threat, or any action that affects or jeopardizes the security of the Erie County Jail and/or the safety of the inmates and/or staff.

### PROCEDURE

#### A. Discovery:

1. If an officer or staff member has reason to believe that an inmate may have a contagious disease, either through information obtained from the inmate, family, or physician, the officer or staff member shall notify the Shift Supervisor.

#### B. Response:

1. The Shift Supervisor Shall:
  1. Attempt to verify information.
  2. Notify medical personnel to advise them of the information.
  3. Notify the Jail Administrator.
  4. Inquire from medical personnel if the inmate requires isolation;
    - a. If determined by medical personnel to isolate inmate, they shall be placed into a medical isolation cell.
    - b. If no medical staff is on duty, a 10 minute medical observation watch will be initiated.

#### C. Reporting:

1. All corrections officers involved are required to submit a detailed written report of the incident as soon as possible. The Shift Supervisor will place a CD (Contagious Disease) Event, attaching the inmate, in the Shift Log of the Jail's Record Management System.

#### D. Evaluation:

1. A complete evaluation of the Contagious Disease, including circumstances that led up to and action taken by corrections staff, will be conducted by the Jail Administrator.

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2. The Jail Administrator will present all findings of the evaluation in writing to the corrections staff and the Sheriff.