

SPECIAL ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Subject	Contagious Disease and Infestation Protocol
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I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this order is to establish policies, rules and procedures relative to detection and/or prevention of contagious diseases or other infestations affecting Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) personnel and/or property.

II. POLICY

The policy of the MPD is to ensure all prisoners coming into our custody are screened for the presence of any contagious disease symptoms or infestation and once identified, ensure appropriate action is taken to minimize further exposure and initiate decontamination procedures.

III. REGULATIONS

The existence of contagious diseases or infestation may not be noticeable and therefore it is imperative that individuals in MPD custody are asked if they are suffering from or have been exposed to any contagious diseases or infestation.

NOTE: Questioning individuals about medical conditions is a sensitive issue and shall be done in a professional manner and in a situation or location which provides the individual the appropriate level of privacy.

IV. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this order, the following terms shall have the meanings designated:

1. Contagious Disease – Disease which is easily transmitted by physical contact with a person suffering from the disease, or by their secretions or objects touched by them (e.g., tuberculosis, meningitis).
2. Decontamination – The process of cleansing the human body, items and/or areas to remove contamination by hazardous or infectious materials.
3. Infestation – The state of being invaded or overrun by parasites or other pests. It can also refer to parasites living in or on a host (e.g., lice).

V. PROCEDURES

A. Field Arrest Situations

Members detecting or notified of an infestation or contagious disease during a field arrest situation shall:

1. Limit the contact with the prisoner to only essential members.
2. Notify a field supervisor of the situation.
3. Prepare a PD Form 313 (Arrestee's Injury/Illness Report).
4. Summon a transport vehicle to take the prisoner to the nearest hospital for evaluation.
5. Prepare a PD Form 318 (Communicable Disease Contact Form) and report to the clinic.

NOTE: During times when the clinic is closed the affected member(s) shall respond according to GO-PER-100.11 (Medical Services) to either Washington Hospital Center or Providence Hospital for medical evaluation.

NOTE: In all instances when there is evidence of an infestation or contagious disease, the prisoner **shall not** be taken to any holding facility until cleared by competent medical authority.

B. Holding Facilities

Members detecting or notified of an infestation or contagious disease of a prisoner at a MPD holding facility shall:

1. Limit the contact with the prisoner to only essential members.
2. Notify the Watch Commander.
3. Prepare a PD Form 313 and notify an official.
4. Summon a transport vehicle to take the prisoner to the nearest hospital.
5. Prepare a PD Form 318 and report to the clinic.

NOTE: During times when the clinic is closed the affected member(s) shall respond according to GO-PER-100.11 (Medical Services) to either Washington Hospital Center or Providence Hospital for medical evaluation.

C. Medical Clearance

Members shall ensure that prisoners who have been medically cleared from a hospital:

1. Are segregated from the general prisoner population.
2. Are transported to the Central Cell Block (CCB), along with a copy of the PD Form 313.

NOTE: The PD Form 313 shall remain with the prisoner and forwarded to the U.S. Marshall's Service once the prisoner is transported to court.

D. Cell Block Closures

1. The Watch Commander shall make the determination if a holding facility shall be closed due to any form of contamination. Once the determination is made to close a holding facility, the Watch Commander shall:
 - a. Notify the Command Information Center (CIC).
 - b. Notify the Field Commander and the District Commander of the decision to close the affected cell block.
 - c. Have all affected prisoner(s) transported to area hospitals for medical treatment and clearance if needed.
 - d. Make arrangements to transport non-contaminated prisoners to CCB.
 - e. Identify all vehicles and holding areas that need to be decontaminated and prohibit any contact with these vehicles

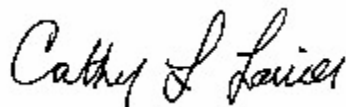
and/or areas.

- f. Ensure Facilities Management Division is notified to arrange for decontamination.
- g. Identify all members that came in contact with the prisoner(s).
- h. Direct all members that have come in contact with the prisoner(s) to prepare a PD Form 318 (Communicable Disease Contact Form) and report to the clinic.

NOTE: During times when the clinic is closed, the affected member(s) shall respond according to GO-PER-100.11 (Medical Services) to either Washington Hospital Center or Providence Hospital for medical evaluation.

VI. CROSS REFERENCES

- A. GO-PER-100.11 (Medical Services)



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