

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

1 Communicable Diseases

- 1.1 All communicable diseases that may have a potential to create an epidemic, such as measles, TB, Covid -19, etc. will be reported to the appropriate agency based upon current regulations governing that site.
 - 1.1.1 During a time of an infectious communicable disease with community spread, protective measures, including health staff screening, limiting visitation and other measures may be implemented per the direction of public health authorities and/or local and state agencies, during a time of crisis.
 - 1.1.2 Waivers will be sought as needed from the appropriate governmental or state agencies as needed for restrictions that may normally be a considered an infringement upon client rights.
 - 1.1.3 Any staff suspected of a communicable disease will not be allowed to work and must be cleared by a physician before returning to work, or will follow the recommendations of the public health department during an outbreak.
- 1.2 Persons who have a communicable disease may be isolated, if possible, to prevent the spread of the disease.
- 1.3 Recommendations by the local public health department will be implemented and may vary per each incident of communicable disease.

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