

Chapter: Communicable and Infectious Disease Management	Effective Date: 11/15/14
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(a) **Standard.**

- (1) TJJD maintains a written program plan to address the management of communicable and infectious diseases in youth. The program plan includes procedures for:
 - (A) prevention to include immunizations, when applicable;
 - (B) surveillance (identification and monitoring);
 - (C) youth education and staff training;
 - (D) treatment to include medical isolation, when indicated;
 - (E) follow-up care;
 - (F) reporting requirements to applicable local, state, and federal agencies;
 - (G) confidentiality of protected health information; and
 - (H) appropriate safeguards for youth and staff, including post-exposure protocols.
- (2) Communicable disease and infection control activities are discussed and reviewed at least quarterly by a multidisciplinary team that includes clinical, security, and administrative representatives.

(b) **General Provisions.**

- (1) Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) and University of Texas Medical Branch – Correctional Managed Care (UTMB) use the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) *Recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases in Schools and Child-Care Centers*, including reporting requirements.
- (2) TJJD and UTMB adhere to the CDC *Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule*.
- (3) Treatment modalities are based upon recommendations from the most current edition of the *American Academy of Pediatrics' Red Book*[®].
- (4) Guidelines in the UTMB-CMHC Infection Control Manual and the TJJD [Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan](#) supplement infection control recommendations from the *Red Book*[®].
- (5) Pursuant to state law, [GAP.385.8141](#), and [GAP.380.9909](#), youth health information is confidential.
- (6) Youth receive health education through TJJD health services programs.
- (7) TJJD staff use universal/standard precautions at all times. Protective equipment and post-exposure protocols are available to all staff. Hand sanitizer is available to youth and staff.
- (8) Communicable disease management and infection control issues are discussed at least quarterly in health services administrative meetings, pursuant to [HSP.01.05](#).
- (9) Youth who are diagnosed with a communicable disease are prohibited from working in Food Services.

(c) **Procedures.**

- (1) Upon admission to TJJD, the **medical provider**:
 - (A) conducts a physical examination and laboratory screening for communicable diseases on all youth; and

- (B) evaluates and treats, either directly or by referral, youth determined to have a communicable illness.
 - (2) The **TJJD Training Department** provides annual pre-service training that addresses:
 - (A) communicable diseases;
 - (B) universal/standard precautions; and
 - (C) post-exposure follow up.
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