

**Chapter: Health Screening and Examination**  
**Title: Communicable Diseases**

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(a) **Standard.**

Any youth or staff who is suspected or diagnosed as having a communicable disease will receive a medical examination. The nurse will assist the superintendent and coordinate with the health services administrator (HSA), physician, health department, and others as appropriate to manage the situation, to reduce the risk of exposure to others, and to ensure that treatment is completed.

(b) **Procedures.**

(1) **Youth.**

- (A) Notify the HSA and superintendent of the condition.  
**Person Responsible: Human Services Specialist (HSS) / Juvenile Correctional Officer (JCO)**
- (B) If indicated, schedule a visit to a healthcare provider.  
**Person Responsible: Nurse**
- (C) Implement medical orders and appropriate environmental precautions as found in Appendix D.  
**Person Responsible: HSS / Nurse / Superintendent**
- (D) Notify the HSA regarding medical orders and environmental precautions.  
**Person Responsible: Nurse**
- (E) Notify responsible physician and report to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), if applicable.  
**Person Responsible: HSA**

(2) **Staff.**

- (A) Follow instructions listed in PRS.23.05 and the TYC Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan.  
**Person Responsible: Superintendent**
  - (B) Obtain a release from your personal physician to return to work (statement of non-communicability) and give to the superintendent.  
**Person Responsible: TYC Staff**
  - (C) Approve employee to return to work only after personal physician's statement above is received.  
**Person Responsible: Superintendent**
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