


2269 INFIRMARY USE	
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The SYSC Medical Department infirmary is an area that is specifically designed for (1) the treatment of residents with select medical issues, injuries, and contagious diseases, and (2) the recovery of residents from their illnesses and injuries.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the use of the SYSC Infirmary.

Procedure

I. Priority for Infirmary Beds

- A. Infirmary beds are filled based on the severity of the medical conditions. Priority shall be given to the most severe and/or most contagious cases.

II. Nurses to Identify Sick Residents

- A. At the nursing sick call (Monday through Friday), the nurse shall identify those residents who are too sick to attend school.
 1. The most severe and/or most contagious cases shall go to the infirmary.
 2. If there are 4 or fewer residents, all shall go to the infirmary.
 3. Detained residents shall be evaluated in the Detention Unit and shall remain there unless severely ill, in which case they will be sent to the infirmary.
 4. Intake residents shall be evaluated in the Intake Unit, if in school, shall go to the infirmary.
 5. Any overflow shall be sent to a room in the Intake Unit. The bed shall be stripped, wiped down, and remade before the resident uses the bed, and after leaving. Plastic vinyl-covered pillows shall be used.

III. Sick Residents in School

- A. When a resident becomes sick while in school, the teacher shall call the School Secretary, who will call the nurse, who will evaluate the severity of the case. If deemed necessary, the

resident may then be transported to the infirmary. At the end of the school day, residents in the infirmary shall return to their residential units and will remain on sick status for 24 hours. Those residents deemed too sick to return to their units shall remain at the infirmary. If coverage in the units is an issue, residents may be allowed to remain in the infirmary.

IV. Residential Staff Infirmary Duty

- A. Any time a resident is present in the infirmary, there must also be a Youth Counselor present for supervision purposes unless the nursing staff deems it unnecessary.

V. Meals in the Infirmary

- A. Meals shall be served to residents in the infirmary, either in the infirmary rooms (for residents in the middle rooms) or in the infirmary day area (for residents in the outer rooms). A food supply shall be maintained in the infirmary (e.g., juice, ginger ale, crackers, soup, up to soft foods). Medical staff shall coordinate with the Kitchen as a resident's diet needs change.

VI. Infirmary Only for Medical Purposes

- A. The infirmary is to be used only for medical purposes.
 - 1. The infirmary is never to be used as a time-out space or for residents who need restraint and/or containment.
 - 2. The infirmary may be used for A watches if there is a bed available, but not when there is a contagious resident occupying one of the rooms. A watches are one-on-one: the nurse shall not responsible for supervision, and the staff member assigned to the A watch shall not be responsible for supervising any other residents in the infirmary.