DCYF Standard Operating Procedure

2257.1 CONTAINMENT PROCEDURES

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This SOP defines the procedures for containment of infectious communicable disease within SYSC.

Procedure

The following information is to support the implementation of the above referenced policy. This document shall not preclude staff from using their professional judgement based on individual circumstances, consistent with the requirements of the policy.

I. The Medical Department will determine what precautions are necessary, in consultation with the physician. Isolation precautions, once initiated, will be discontinued at the Medical Department's discretion.

II. The nurse responsible for the youth will document the precautions and any necessary instructions in the youth's medical records/progress notes.

III. The Medical Department will convey to staff what precautions are needed. This may include:

  A. All staff having direct contact with the infected youth and/or the contaminated waste diligently performing hand washing for a minimum of one minute; and

  B. All contaminated disposable items be double red-bagged before transportation out of the isolation area.

IV. If linen precautions are established, the Medical Department will contact the Laundry Department to advise of precaution procedures.

V. If isolation precaution techniques mandate the use of gowns, gloves, or masks, the Medical Department will coordinate with the Warehouse to ensure an adequate supply is available.

VI. The Medical Department will ensure that all appropriate notifications are made in a manner that supports the youth's right to confidentiality and which upholds commonly accepted standards of reporting practice.

  A. All notifications should be noted in the youth's medical records/progress notes.

Glossary and Document Specific Definitions

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