

5-08-310 Hunger Strike/Prolonged Fast

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

To establish procedure for handling inmates who are on a hunger strike or prolonged fast longer than twenty-four hours.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to and/or working in any capacity at Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

ORDER:

All inmates shall be offered a diet which is nutritionally adequate. Those who choose not to eat, due to psychiatric, religious or other reasons, shall be closely monitored for symptoms of adverse physical reactions.

Housing officers shall record the time of each meal offered to the inmate and indicate if the inmate accepted or refused the meal and if any portion of the meal was consumed by the inmate.

Any inmate who refuses to eat, or there is reason to believe is not eating, for twenty-four hours or more, shall be treated in the following manner:

- He shall be escorted to the clinic for a medical evaluation. Refer to CDM 5-01/050.00, Handling Suicidal Inmates,
 - The result of the evaluation, and any medical referral to or order for further evaluation or treatment will be communicated to the Watch Commander,
 - The Watch Commander shall be advised wherever an inmate is on a hunger strike,
 - If an inmate is transferred to CTC, the Watch Commander shall be notified.
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