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PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish guidelines for laundry exchange and cleaning in the event an inmate is identified as having Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) or any similar, contagious, communicable medical condition or infection.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order applies to all personnel assigned to, and working at Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) South Facility.

ORDER:

Inmates with vermin or specific communicable medical conditions create the need for special handling of their clothing. In instances where an inmate has been identified as being infested with vermin or infected with certain infectious diseases, like MRSA, medical staff will be summoned and shall determine if contaminated clothing will be placed in plastic bags. These bags will be taken to the facility laundry where they will be stored with other soiled laundry awaiting transport to Laundry Services for cleaning.

For beds and housing areas of inmates infected with MRSA, the cleaning procedures as outlined in Custody Division Manual (CDM) Section 5-11/070.00, "Guidelines for Limiting the Possibility of Infection by Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)" shall be adhered to. All protocols in instances of vermin shall also be adhered to as described in CDM Section 5-11/030.00 "Control of Vermin."

All inmates in the immediate vicinity of, or assigned to adjacent bed areas of those identified with vermin or other infectious diseases, shall:

- Exchange their existing county issued linens and clothing for clean items.
- Scrub and disinfect their entire bed area, including bed frames, mattresses using the provided Citricide solution, or another suitable solution approved by medical services. Allow the Citricide or alternative cleaning solution to remain on areas for ten minutes prior to wiping off with clean towels. In addition to the inmate's bunk, bunks and mattresses located on both sides and in front/back of the contaminated bunk will also be disinfected. Soiled towels will be bagged and left in the Inmate Processing Area (IPA) for transport to Laundry Services for cleaning.
- (For those infected with vermin) Use a specialized delousing shampoo supplied by the medical staff to wash all body hair.

- The inmates shall be re-checked in 48 hours and the previous steps repeated as necessary.

Ensure these procedures are logged in the Uniform Daily Activity Log (UDAL) or electronic Uniform Daily Activity Log (e-UDAL), under "Medical and Psychological Events" (i.e., "0950 hrs - John Doe #1234567 - Treated for MRSA - Clothing Exchanged/Disinfected Mattresses on Bunks 44,45,46,47").

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