

5-02-110 Information Concerning Inmates Exposed to or Infected by a Communicable Disease

Reference: Title 15; CDM 4-08/000.00; MPP 5-03/175.25

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish guidelines for the distribution of information concerning inmates who have been exposed to, or infected by a communicable disease at Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) South Facility.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order applies to all personnel assigned to, or working at PDC South Facility.

ORDER:

PDC South personnel who observe or are informed of activity that may cause the transmission of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or other communicable diseases shall take immediate action. The activity shall be documented on an Inmate Incident Report (SH-J-213) and/or Complaint Report (SH-R-49) as appropriate, and a Department of Health Services form, "Request and Decision for HIV Testing (DHS 8459), pursuant to the Department Manual of Policy and Procedures, section 5-03/175.25, "Reporting of Inmate's Exposure to AIDS and Other Communicable Diseases."

The information reported shall remain confidential. All employees shall maintain the confidentiality of inmates' personal information except when disclosure is necessary to obtain medical or psychological care or advice.

If an inmate alleges to be infected with HIV/AIDS he shall be expedited to South Facility's medical clinic. The medical staff at South Facility's medical clinic, upon examination and evaluation, will determine if transportation to Inmate Reception Center (IRC), Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF) or another medical facility is needed. Both medical and custody personnel shall make the necessary notifications and fill out the appropriate forms.
