

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION
621**

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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AUTHORITY: NRS 209.131; NRS 209.511; NAC 441A

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Infectious Diseases Regulation is to ensure compliance with administrative policies and clinical guidelines for the best practice of medical management of infectious diseases. The guidelines work to prevent, detect, and treat inmate and correctional employees who face exposure to infectious diseases in correctional institutions.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Director is responsible for the oversight of the Medical Division.

The Medical Director is responsible to ensure administration, compliance and implementation of the Infection Control Program.

All Medical Division staff and all Medical Officers are responsible for the compliance with this regulation.

621.01 INFECTIOUS DISEASES

1. The Medical Division will develop Medical Directives consistent with the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for Standard (Universal) Precautions in the handling of patients, medical waste, and medical apparatus and supplies.
2. The Medical Division should develop special programs in specific areas designated below.
 - A. Tuberculosis Prevention and Control (NAC 441A.350-NAC441A.390);
 - B. Immunizations;
 - C. Infectious Disease Management (per NAC 441A.040)
 - D. Ectoparasite control procedures.
3. Staff Awareness

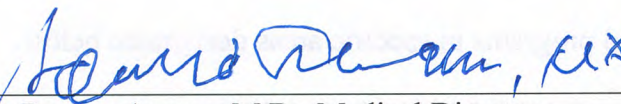
- A. The Medical Division will, during Pre-Service Training (PST), address any employee concerns relating to infectious diseases.
 - B. The Personnel Department will include this regulation in the Employee New Hire Packet.
 - C. The Medical Division will coordinate with the Department's Employee Development Manager to ensure annual In-service Training is conducted.
4. Dissemination of Information
- A. The Nevada Revised Statutes and the Nevada Administrative Code form the basis for notification to health officials.
 - B. The disclosure of infectious disease information is directed to the State Health Officer/designee.
 - C. The Department will disseminate information regarding infectious diseases to state and local health officials when required by law and in accordance with inmate confidentiality rights.

APPLICABILITY

- 1. This regulation requires a Medical Directive for the Infection Control Program at the institutions and facilities, approved by both the NDOC and State Medical Director.
- 2. This regulation requires an audit.

REFERENCES

ACA 4th Edition: 4-4354 through 4-4358



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