

State of Iowa Department of Corrections

Policy and Procedures

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1. PURPOSE

To provide prevention, surveillance and control of infection within the correctional environment.

2. POLICY

It is the policy of the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) to monitor and report infections and communicable diseases.

3. DEFINITIONS - See IDOC Policy AD-GA-16 for Definitions.

4. PROCEDURE

Committee Establishment

- A. Each institution should have an Infection Control Committee consisting of at least one member of health services as well as the Health Service Nursing Director. Other appropriate members may include a pharmacist, physician, laboratory, security staff and a liaison from the Health and Safety Committee. The committee should meet at least quarterly. Minutes of the meeting are shared with the institution's coordinator of health services. A member of the Infection Control Committee should be represented on the institution's Health and Safety Committee. **(4-4354-0)**

- B. Institutions without an Infection Control Committee must designate a registered nurse as coordinator of infectious disease issues.
- C. Data information is available at any time from ICON Medical EMR.
- D. For the IDOC Exposure Control Plan. (See **IO-SE-25**, *Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan*)