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Legal References (includes but is not limited to)	Related Policies/Procedures (includes but is not limited to)	Other References (includes but is not limited to)
IC 11-8-2-5 IC 34-4-12.6	01-02-101	National Correctional Healthcare Standards

I. PURPOSE:

This Health Care Services Directive (HCSD) describes the required components of Infection Control Practices.

II. GUIDELINES (See Facility Directive):

A. Epidemiologist

The Department's Epidemiologist is responsible for the management of infectious diseases in correctional facilities through comprehensive infection control measures including, but not limited to, disease identification, classification, surveillance, monitoring, testing, screening, and education dissemination.

B. Health Services Vendor's Regional Infection Control Nurse

1. The Epidemiologist shall coordinate with the Health Services vendor's Regional Infection Control Nurse (ICN). The Regional Infection Control Nurse shall work closely with contracted Health Services personnel to guide infection control measures and treatment planning.
2. The Regional Infection Control Nurse (ICN) shall ensure there are systems in place to include surveillance, prevention, and control of communicable illnesses. The ICN shall ensure that patients receive health care in a clean, safe, and healthy environment.
3. When problems are identified, the ICN shall work with the Epidemiologist to identify solutions and monitor implementation for success.

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C. Facility Infection Control Program

Each facility shall develop a written program to address communicable and infectious diseases. The program shall include:

1. Prevention to include immunizations, when applicable;
2. Surveillance (identification and monitoring);
3. Incarcerated individual education and staff training;
4. Treatment to include medical isolation, when indicated;
5. Follow-up care;
6. Reporting requirements to applicable local, State and federal agencies;
7. Confidentiality/protected health information;
8. Appropriate safeguards for staff and the incarcerated population; and,
9. Post-exposure management protocols, particularly for HIV and viral hepatitis infection.

D. Infection Control Meetings

1. The Epidemiologist and Regional Infection Control Nurse shall coordinate quarterly Infection Control Meetings to help monitor the presence and transmission of infections in the facility, with special attention to nosocomial and reportable infections.
2. Infection Control Meetings, held quarterly, shall include Regional Managers, Health Services Administrators, Nursing Directors, and Executive Director of Physical Health, security and administrative representatives.

E. The Epidemiologist and ICN shall monitor and address sexually transmitted infections (STI), HIV, TB, Hepatitis C, and other communicable illnesses, beginning at Intake. This monitoring shall include continuous review of disease reports so that trends and problems can be identified promptly.

F. The Epidemiologist and ICN shall review the provision of care regarding the annual Influenza control plan and pandemic plans.

G. The Dental Services Unit shall establish a Facility Directive describing dental infection control practices. This Directive and any updates shall be discussed by the ICN during the Infection Control Meetings.

H. The Health Services vendor shall periodically review facilities' infectious and biohazardous waste management.

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- I. Any infection control concerns and updates shall be reported by the Epidemiologist or ICN to the Regional CQI Committee.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This HCSD is applicable to all facilities housing incarcerated adults.

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