

## Control of Infectious Clothing and Bedding

### 1023.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose is to establish and implement written policy and procedures for the control of infectious clothing and bedding. This policy applies to all juvenile facility staff.

#### 1023.1.1 DEFINITION

Definition related to this policy includes:

**Infectious** – transmitting or capable of transmitting infection, containing pathogenic agents which may be transmitted.

### 1023.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Executive Committee;
- Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 § 1484.

### 1023.3 POLICY

Infectious clothing and bedding shall be separated, cleaned and disinfected prior to being re-issued.

### 1023.4 HANDLING INFECTIOUS MATERIAL

Staff shall follow universal precautions at all times when handling infectious material. Staff shall wear protective gloves at all times when handling infectious laundry.

Staff responsibilities:

- (a) Staff shall place infectious clothing and bedding inside the yellow plastic bags and deliver to the facility's laundry personnel;
- (b) Staff shall label the bag with the unit number and infection type; and
- (c) Infectious clothing and bedding shall not be mixed with regular unit laundry in the laundry cart. They shall remain separated.

Once the infectious laundry is delivered to housekeeping, laundry personnel shall:

- (a) Always wear gloves when handling infectious laundry;
- (b) Separate the yellow infectious laundry bags from the regular laundry;
- (c) Prepare infectious laundry to be washed and disinfected;
- (d) Wash infectious laundry twice; utilize bleach during the first cycle and facility disinfectant during the second cycle;
- (e) Infectious laundry may be re-issued once it has been disinfected properly; and,
- (f) Place used gloves and yellow infectious plastic bags in an additional plastic bag for proper disposal.

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