



Section	Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF)	Effective:	9/28/16
Sub-section	Infection Control		
Policy	Occupational Exposure to Communicable Diseases Other	Last	New policy
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1. PURPOSE/SCOPE

1.1. To ensure the appropriate care and treatment of Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) employees experiencing an occupational exposure to a communicable disease when such an exposure requires medical evaluation, serology studies or antibiotic prophylaxis.¹

2. POLICY

2.1. Certain infectious diseases are known to be of significance in healthcare epidemiology and infection prevention and control. For this reason, and to ensure a safe environment for both employees and patients, it is important that appropriate follow-up and interventions be provided to employees.

1. Examples of such diseases include but are not limited to: chickenpox (varicella), meningococcal disease, rubeola (measles), rubella, mumps, pertussis, scabies and pediculosis.

3. PROCEDURE

3.1. **Exposure Determination.** The Infection Control Nurse and the Infection Control Committee Chairman will determine the case definition for the "disease exposure" / "CONTACT" to the case.

3.2. The PHF Nursing Supervisor will assist in identifying those staff who have been exposed.

¹ For exposures to blood and body fluids, please refer to PHF Policy "Bloodborne Post Exposure Evaluation and Follow-up".

- 3.3. The PHF Nursing Supervisor will submit a list of the exposed personnel to:
1. Sansum Occupational Medicine Clinic;
 2. Human Resources/Risk Management; and
 3. The Contracted Pharmacy Department.
- 3.4. The Infection Control Nurse Consultant and/or the PHF Nursing Supervisor will inform the employee of his/her exposure and the recommended intervention.
- 3.5. The Sansum Occupational Medicine Clinic will be responsible for the clinical management of the employee's exposure. The Infection Control Committee Chairman will advise Sansum Occupational Medicine Clinic of the necessary interventions.
- 3.6. The Pharmacy Director/designee may dispense the medication to the employee.

ASSISTANCE

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REFERENCE

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guidelines, www.cdc.gov
 American Journal of Infection Control. 26: 289-354

REVISION RECORD

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Culturally and Linguistically Competent Policies

The Department of Behavioral Wellness is committed to the tenets of cultural competency and understands that culturally and linguistically appropriate services are respectful of and responsive to the health beliefs, practices and needs of diverse individuals. All policies and procedures are intended to reflect the integration of diversity and cultural literacy throughout the Department. To the fullest extent possible, information, services and treatments will be provided (in verbal and/or written form) in the individual's preferred language or mode of communication (i.e. assistive devices for blind/deaf).