

	Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center Policy Manual	Policy Number	602
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	Control of Communicable and Infectious Disease		

Policy:

To provide guidelines for the prevention and control of communicable and infectious disease

PROCEDURE:

1. Employees:
 - A. When an employee reports to work with symptoms of a communicable or infectious disease, the employee’s immediate supervisor may request the employee to leave work until free of symptoms. If the employee is off work for more than three days, the employee may be asked for a physician’s release to return to work.
 - B. The Infection Control Nurse will have the responsibility of providing educational programs to the Center’s staff in the proper methods of disease prevention and personal hygiene.

2. Residents:
 - A. The attending physician, the Infection Control Nurse and Nursing Supervisor in her absence are to be notified if a resident displays symptoms suggestive of an infection. If the nurse suspects a potential communicable and/or infectious process in a resident, she/he will place the resident in contact isolation until the Nurse Supervisor and/or Infection Control Nurse makes the determination for appropriate isolation.
 - B. If a resident is diagnosed and treated for an infection, the Infection Control Nurse will be notified.
 - C. The Infection Report will be submitted to the Infection Control Committee quarterly. The report will be prepared by the Infection Control Nurse.

3. The Department of Public Health and Human Services will be notified as required by the Infection Control Nurse.