


<b>STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>  	Type of Directive: <b>Policy and Procedure</b>	Updated: <b>11-24-2020</b>
	Title: <b>Prisoners with Infectious Diseases</b>	No. <b>11.8</b>
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### **PURPOSE:**

To instruct officers on the policy and procedures to follow when dealing with persons afflicted with AIDS or other contagious diseases.

### **POLICY:**

It will be the policy of the Stratford Police Department use proper precautions when dealing with prisoners who have any contagious/infectious disease.

### **PROCEDURES:**

Officers have been trained and briefed on proper preventive measures when dealing with the public in regards to infectious/contagious disease. The use of proper precautions and Persona Protective Equipment is required during these situations. Precautionary measures are the responsibility of all employees.

#### **Preventive Measures for Officers**

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be worn when necessary. This include but is not limited to gloves, surgical mask and face shield as well as hand sanitizer and disinfectant sprays or wipes. This equipment is available at the police department building and supplied in each vehicle.

Check hands and other exposed skin areas of your body for any open cuts and see that they are properly bandaged before starting your tour of duty.

Carefully handle hypodermic needles discovered during a search. Remove blood and other spills from uniforms. Immediately report any injury caused by hypodermic syringes.

A disinfecting solution is to be utilized to wash hands thoroughly after handling a prisoner.

If you are bitten by any person immediately notify your supervisor and get prompt medical attention at a hospital.

Immediately report any exposure to infectious disease.

### **Preventive Measures for Cellblock Area**

Cell number eight has been set-aside as an "isolation" cell. This cell will only be used for prisoners with infectious or contagious diseases. After a prisoner leaves cell number eight it will not be used until it can be cleaned. The Records Division Commander or day shift commander will be advised that this cell was used and will have to be properly cleaned.

All items utilized by the prisoner are to be placed into receptacle by the prisoner prior to release. Caution should be used in disposing of the contaminated items.

The personal property of a prisoner, such as wallets, combs, coats, etc., will be treated the same as other personal property taken from a prisoner.

### **Precautionary Measures for Police Vehicles**

If the prisoner being transported does not expel any body fluids into the vehicle the vehicle may be placed back into service.

If the prisoner does expel any type of body fluid in the vehicle the vehicle will be parked at headquarters with a note warning others of the contamination until cleaned.

Officer may clean small amounts of fluid (blood, saliva, etc.) using the cleaning solution and procedure mentioned above. Large amounts of blood will be left for vehicle maintenance personnel. A note will be left with the Traffic Division Commander or day shift patrol supervisor advising of the condition

### **Documentation**

Proper documentation shall be completed when an officer, vehicle or the facility has been compromised in order for proper follow up medical treatment and decontamination. This documentation includes but is not limited to;

- Case Reports
- Email
- Personal Injury Paperwork