

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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SUBJECT: Ectoparasite Control

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I. POLICY

The St. Louis County department of Justice Services and the Department of Health will provide medical screening and treatment for ectoparasite infestations.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

All St. Louis County Department of Justice Services' Corrections staff and Corrections Medicine staff are responsible for the following procedures.

III. DEFINITIONS

Ectoparasite: A parasite that lives on the exterior of its host, which results in severe itching and/or irritation of the scalp or body.

- a. **Lice:** Infest the head, the hairy parts of the body, and the clothing.
- b. **Crab Lice:** Infest the pubic area, facial hair, (including eyelashes), armpits and body surfaces.
- [c. **Scabies:** Scabies is an itchy, contagious skin condition caused by a tiny burrowing mite called *Sarcoptes scabiei*. The presence of the mite leads to intense itching in the area of its burrows.]*

IV. PROCEDURES

A. Initial Medical Screening

1. The Corrections Medicine staff will screen all prisoners entering the Intake Service Center for symptoms indicating ectoparasite infestation. (See Policy #1306 Intake Medical Screening)
2. The Corrections Medicine staff will notify an Intake Service Center Officer immediately if an infestation of a prisoner is verified.
3. The Intake Service Center Security Officer will wear protective gloves when dealing with prisoners suspected of having infestations.
4. The officer will isolate the prisoner from the general population in Intake Service Center until the prisoner receives medical treatment.
- [5. The officer will receive anti-parasitic shampoo/*cream* from the Corrections Medicine staff, to be used by the prisoner.]
- [6. The officer will place the prisoner in a changing room, give the anti-parasitic shampoo/*cream*, soap and towel to the prisoner and allow the prisoner to shower.]
7. The officer will instruct the prisoner to place all of his/her clothing into a clear biodegradable bag and to seal the bag. The prisoner will give the sealed bag to the officer, who will ensure that it is sealed airtight.
8. The officer will give the clear biodegradable bag to the Property Room staff who will wash and disinfect the prisoner's clothing.
9. The Property Room staff will issue the officer facility clothing for the prisoner to wear until the prisoner's clothing has been washed and disinfested. The prisoner's clothing will be returned to the prisoner after the clothing has been washed and disinfested.
10. The Intake Security Officer will ensure that the areas used to isolate the prisoner are cleaned and disinfested and that an Incident Report is completed and submitted to the Intake Service Center Supervisor.

11. The Corrections Medicine staff will verbally inform oncoming staff and place this information in the inmate's medical file.

[B. Admission of a Prisoner *with an Ectoparasite Infestation* into the Housing Unit]

1. When a prisoner is moved to a housing unit, he/she will be taken to a changing room to be strip searched, (See Policy #813 Inmate Searches) and receive a shower. The escorting officer will wear latex gloves.
- [2. After the prisoner is searched, the escorting officer will ensure the prisoner is given soap and a towel. Anti-parasitic shampoo/*cream* will also be given to a prisoner when the Corrections Medicine staff has verified an infestation on that prisoner while the prisoner is in the Intake Service Center. The escorting officer will also give the prisoner a clear biodegradable bag to place his/her clothing.]
3. When the prisoner has completed his/her shower, the escorting officer will remove the clothing and give the clothing to the Property Room staff. The prisoner will then be issued facility clothing.
4. If the prisoner's clothing is infested with ectoparasite the escorting officer will instruct the prisoner to place the clothing in a clear biodegradable bag, seal the bag airtight and tag it, until the clothing can be disinfested.
5. The Property Room staff will disinfest the clothing items by placing the bag in the washing machine and starting a wash cycle and then complete the Inmate Processing procedures.
6. The escorting officer will write an Incident Report and submit it to the proper Unit Manager.
7. The Corrections Medicine staff will enter this information in the staff's medical notes and in the inmate's medical file.

C. Inmates in Housing Units with Ectoparasite Infestation

1. The inmate will sign his/her name on the Sick Call Form. (See Attachment #1)
2. The Corrections Medicine staff will require the inmate to produce evidence of an infestation, i.e., an ecto-parasite. **1315:Page 3 of 4**

- [3. After the inmate has shown the *evidence of an infestation* to the Corrections Medicine staff, an anti-parasitic shampoo/*cream* will be issued to the inmate for immediate use.]

NOTE: It may also be medically necessary to treat the cellmate of an infested inmate. The cellmate will follow the same protocol for treatment as the infested inmate.]

4. The Corrections Medicine staff will enter this information in the staff's medical notes, in the inmate's medical file and inform the Housing Officer of the situation.
- [5. The Housing Unit Officer will allow the inmate to *follow the instructions of Corrections Medicine staff to use any shampoos/creams.*]
6. The Housing Unit Officer will ensure that the inmate places all of his/her contaminated issued clothing and linens in a clear biodegradable bag and seals the bag air tight before entering the shower. The Housing Unit Officer will tag the bag and ensure the bag is sealed. (See Policy #1103 Contaminated Laundry)
7. The Housing Unit Officer will ensure the inmate receives a new issue of linens after the inmate completes his/her shower. The Housing Unit Officer will also ensure the inmate or the housing unit inmate worker properly cleans and disinfects the cell.
8. The Movement Officer will contact the Property Room staff, who will give another set of personal items, (i.e., boxer shorts, socks, bras, etc.) and uniform to the inmate in the housing unit.
9. The Housing Unit Officer will place this information in the Post Log Book, write an Incident Report and submit it to the Unit Manager.