

HH 595: Communicable Disease

WAC: 246-335-525 Personnel, Contractor and Volunteer Policies

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Policy Statement:

Hanford Home Health will identify appropriate measures designed to control communicable disease.

Procedure:

- 1) All suspected infectious illnesses or communicable disease are reported to the Director of Clinical Services immediately. The Director of Clinical Services may notify the appropriate public health officials for the reporting of communicable disease, when applicable.
- 2) Hanford Home Health will ensure appropriate management of infectious diseases to minimize risk to employees and patients.
- 3) Hanford Home Health must be notified if the employee develops any infectious disease.
- 4) Hanford Home Health must be notified if the employee is immuno-compromised.
- 5) Reportable signs and symptoms of potential infectious or communicable disease are:
 - a) Sustained fever greater than 101 degrees for three or more days
 - b) Profuse and/or continuous diaphoresis for 24 hours
 - c) Foul, concentrated and/or purulent urine
 - d) Burning on urination, painful urination, associated chills and fever, associated back and low abdominal pain
 - e) Respiratory symptoms, i.e.: unusual or acute onset of wheezing, hacking or frequent, dry and/or productive cough with colored, foul smelling or blood-stained sputum
 - f) Unusual, purulent, or malodorous drainage from wounds or body orifices
 - g) Rashes
 - h) New decubitus ulcers and decubitus ulcers that have changed in character
 - i) Skin areas that are swollen and warm to the touch
 - j) Diarrhea that persists frequently or continuously for more than three days

A. COVID-19 Training

- 1) All Hanford Home Health employees, volunteers and contractors will receive CORONAVIRUS/ COVID 19 training.
- 2) Hanford Home Health will use the latest version of the infection control standards and educational materials contained in the **“in the KNOW – UNDERSTANDING CORONAVIRUS...An infection control module”**.
- 3) All direct care personnel will have documented evidence of Coronavirus training.