



TITLE:	INFECTION CONTROL-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES-REPORTING	POLICY 10.05
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**PURPOSE:**

This policy describes managing and reporting Communicable Disease

**SCOPE:**

Applies to all employees, residents, volunteers, and visitors.

**POLICY:**

Our goal is to prevent the spread of infectious diseases by carefully managing and reporting communicable diseases as necessary.

The facility needs to contact the local health department for local information pertaining to communicable diseases. Facility usually needs to contact local health department to report a resident with certain communicable diseases (name, address, phone number of resident). Local health departments may also have specific requirements for infectious waste handling/disposal.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Staff will be asked to avoid contact with residents when ill with a communicable disease. Staff may be required to take a leave from work until a doctor's statement to the effect that the illness is no longer communicable is provided.
2. Residents with communicable diseases will be asked to remain in their residence during periods of illness. Complimentary tray service will be provided to the residence.
3. Diseases classified as "reportable" according to chapter 246-101 WAC and/or the requirements of the County Health Department will be reported accordingly.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

No exceptions to this policy may be granted without the prior written approval of the Director.

**SUPERCEDES:**

None