

Appendix D: Physician Information Sheet: Management of Exposure of Communicable Diseases

1. The primary objective of this policy is to guide management of exposures of JHH/JHU patients, personnel and visitors to selected communicable diseases. In this policy, personnel is defined as all individuals (excluding visitors or patients) who have patient contact and/or contact with the environment where care is delivered to patients.
2. All personnel must follow the policy. Failure to comply will result in appropriate action, which can include discipline up to, and including loss of privileges and termination.
3. The first person to note an exposure must notify Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control Department (HEIC) at 410-955-8384 on weekdays or by pager 410-283-3855 at night or on weekends.
4. The Nurse Manager/Designee shall utilize the Johns Hopkins Hospital Exposure Form (Appendix A & B) to establish a list of patients, visitors and personnel who meet the exposure definition as defined by HEIC (Appendix C).
5. Authorized prescribers must assist in determining the susceptibility of exposed patients, including discharged patients, and in determining needs for prophylactic therapy.
6. Exposed, susceptible personnel may be excluded from duty for the entire period of potential communicability. OHS and HEIC will determine exclusion from duty.
7. See Appendix C: Infection Control Measures for Exposures of Patients and Personnel to Selected Communicable Disease for criteria of exposure, exclusion from duty, isolation of patients, prophylaxis for exposed persons, definition of susceptible persons and definition of exposure.