

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH CENTER
RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-27-01

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Center (JCHC) held on the 27th day of January, 2022, at which a quorum was present, the following resolution was adopted, and

WHEREAS, Missouri Revised Statute 192.300 provides that the JCHC may make and promulgate orders, ordinances, rules or regulations, respectively as will tend to enhance the public health and prevent the entrance of infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous diseases into such county, and

WHEREAS, Missouri Revised Statute 192.300 provides that after the promulgation and adoption of such orders, ordinances, rules or regulations, the JCHC shall make and enter an order or record declaring such orders, ordinances, rules or regulations to be printed and available for distribution to the public in the office of the county clerk, and shall require a copy of such order to be published in some newspaper in the county in three successive weeks, not later than thirty days after the entry of such order, ordinance, rule or regulation, and

WHEREAS, Missouri Revised Statute 192.290 provides JCHC the authority to make ordinances, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Health and Senior Services which may be necessary for Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the JCHC has provided a report to the JCHC indicating a need for an Order designed to control the spread of communicable diseases in Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of the JCHC has appointed its Executive Director as its county health officer, to exercise all of the rights and perform all of the duties pertaining to that office as set forth under the health laws of the State of Missouri and regulations of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, pursuant to Missouri Revised Statute 205.100; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of this Board provide that it "shall exercise full legislative rule and management authority for the Center by adopting policy and directing all procedures necessary for the governance of Center responsibilities;" and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of this Board provide that the Executive Director of the JCHC is responsible for, "Enforcing all provisions of applicable municipal, state and federal laws, policies and regulations of the Board, make recommendations for any changes of policy or regulation which may be needed."

THEREFORE, this Board hereby approves and adopts the Order attached hereto as Exhibit A. Further, this Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to employ same immediately and to publish it in the local newspaper and to provide a copy to the County Clerk.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the JCHC at their meeting on the date above stated.

JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH CENTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By Dennis M. Diehl
Chair

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary

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KEN WALLER
COUNTY CLERK, JEFFERSON COUNTY, MO

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH CENTER

ORDER NO. 22-01-07-01

JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A REGULATION ESTABLISHING HEALTH DIRECTIVES FOR THE DETECTION AND CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES WITHIN JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS § 192.300, RSMo, provides that the JCHC may make and promulgate orders, ordinances, rules or regulations, respectively as will tend to enhance the public health and prevent the entrance of infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous diseases into such county, and;

WHEREAS, § 192.300, RSMo, provides that any person, firm, corporation or association which violates any of the orders or ordinances adopted, promulgated and published by such county commission is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be prosecuted, tried, and fined as otherwise provided by law, and;

WHEREAS § 192.300, RSMo, provides that the County Commission or County Health Board of any such County has the full power and authority to initiate the prosecution of any action under this section, and;

WHEREAS § 192.300, RSMo, provides that any orders, ordinances, rules, or regulations made and promulgated under the authority of this section shall comply with the provisions of section §67.265, RSMo, and;

WHEREAS, Missouri Revised Statute 192.290 provides JCHC the authority to make ordinances, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Health and Senior Services which may be necessary for Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the JCHC has provided a report to the JCHC indicating a need for an Order designed to control the spread of communicable diseases in Jefferson County, and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of this Board provide that it “shall exercise full legislative rule and management authority for the Center by adopting policy and directing all procedures necessary for the governance of Center responsibilities;” and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of this Board provide that the Executive Director of the JCHC is responsible for, “Enforcing all provisions of applicable municipal, state and federal laws, policies and regulations of the Board, make recommendations for any changes of policy or regulation which may be needed,” and

WHEREAS, the Board of Jefferson County Health Center has determined that this Order for the detection and control of communicable diseases is found to be necessary in order to prevent the spread of communicable diseases and enhance and protect the Public Health in Jefferson County.

THEREFORE, IT IS AND SHALL HEREBY BE ORDERED, the Board of Trustees of Jefferson County Health Center Orders that this Order and its adopting resolution shall be printed and available for distribution to the public in the Office of the County Clerk, Ken Waller, and shall require a copy of such order to be published in *Countian* for three successive weeks commencing immediately upon the adoption of this order, but not later than thirty days after the entry of such order, rule or regulation, and hereby directs its Executive Director to execute such requirements for publication; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Center makes and affirms the findings set forth above and incorporate the same by reference as if fully set forth herein; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the diseases, findings, adverse reactions, instances, clusters or outbreaks included within the scope of this Order include those listed in 19 CSR 20-20.020, with the exception of COVID-19; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the Board of Trustees of Jefferson County Health Center, through its Executive Director, shall use the legal means necessary to control, investigate, or both, any disease or condition which is a threat to the public health, including those which pose a risk to national security because they can be easily disseminated or transmitted from person to person; result in high mortality rates and have the potential for major public health impact; might cause public panic and social disruption; and require special action for public health preparedness. Such diseases or conditions may occur naturally, from accidental exposure, or as the result of a bioterrorism event; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the Board of Trustees of Jefferson County Health Center, through its Executive Director, shall use the legal means necessary to control, investigate, or both, any instances, clusters, or outbreaks of unusual diseases or manifestations of illness and clusters or instances of unexplained deaths which appear to be a result of a terrorist act or the intentional or deliberate release of biological, chemical, radiological, or physical agents, including exposures through food, water, or air; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the Board of Trustees of Jefferson County Health Center, through its Executive Director, shall use the legal means necessary to control, investigate, or both, instances, clusters, or outbreaks of unusual, novel, and/or emerging diseases or findings not otherwise named or referred to in this Order, appearing to be naturally occurring, but posing a substantial risk to public health and/or social and economic stability due to their ease of dissemination or transmittal, associated mortality rates, or the need for special public health actions to control; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the Board of Trustees of Jefferson County Health Center, through its Executive Director, shall use the legal means necessary to control, investigate, or both, any diseases, findings, or agents that occur naturally, or from accidental exposure, or as a result of an undetected bioterrorism event; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, upon receiving a report of a disease which is infectious, contagious, communicable, or dangerous in its nature as included in 19 CSR 20-20.020, with the exception of COVID-19, this Board of Trustees shall, through its Executive Director, establish and maintain quarantine, isolation or other measures as required to prevent the spread of the disease; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, this Board of Trustees, through its Executive Director, shall require isolation of a patient or animal with a communicable disease, quarantine of contacts, concurrent and terminal disinfection, or modified forms of these procedures necessary for the protection of the public health. The isolation of a patient, animal or contact shall be carried out according to the methods of control previously established and as may be amended from time to time by this Board of Trustees; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that, if any provision, section or portion of this Order is found or determined by a court for any reason to be invalid or unenforceable, those provisions shall be severed from the remaining portions of this Order, which shall remain effective in the absence of any invalid or unenforceable provisions; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Joint Order shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 Communicable Disease is an illness due to an infectious agent or its toxic products and transmitted, directly or indirectly, to a susceptible host from an infected person, animal, or insect, or through the agency of an intermediate host or vector, or through the inanimate environment.

1.2 Communicable Disease of Public Health Concern is a disease caused by an infectious agent listed in 19 CSR 20-20.020(1-4) that, due to its contagious nature, and severity of acute illness, places at risk the health and welfare of the general public.

1.3 Contact is a person or animal that has been in association with an infected person or animal and through that association has had the opportunity to acquire the infection.

1.4 Center is the Jefferson County, Missouri Health Center, a County Health Center established by vote of the Citizens of Jefferson County, Missouri as authorized by RSMo 205

1.5 Center Staff include all regular employees of the Jefferson County Health Center, and any non-employee contractors of the Jefferson County Health Center empowered or authorized to carry forth communicable disease control activities as part of the duties as directed by the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Center.

1.6 Quarantine is a restriction of movement of persons or animals that have been exposed to a communicable disease sufficient in nature for the development of said communicable illness, but who have not yet developed the disease.

1.7 Isolation is the separation for the period of communicability of persons or animals infected with a communicable disease in places or under conditions as will prevent the direct or indirect transmission of the infectious agent from infected individuals or animals to other individuals or animals who are susceptible to infection by the communicable disease.

1.8 Liable to transmit is defined as a person or animal having a communicable disease or having contact or association with an infected person or animal, sufficient for the opportunity to acquire said communicable disease as a result of said contact.

1.9 Period of communicability is the period of time during which an etiologic agent may be transferred, directly or indirectly, from an infected person to another person or from an infected animal to a person.

2. INVESTIGATION

2.1 Center staff shall investigate all reports of communicable disease within Jefferson County to determine its extent, means of spread, and threat to the citizens of the County. Center staff shall determine if novel or newly infected diseases are of Public Health Concern as a result of their threat to the Citizens of Jefferson County.

2.2 Center staff shall investigate all instances, clusters, or outbreaks of unusual, novel, and/or emerging diseases or findings not otherwise named or referred to in this Order, appearing to be naturally occurring, but posing a substantial risk to public health and/or social and economic stability due to their ease of dissemination or transmittal, associated mortality rates, or the need for special public health actions to control.

2.3 Center staff shall communicate to the Department of Health and Senior Services and other government agencies appropriate reports of communicable diseases of Public Health Concern as defined in 19 CSR 20-20.020 via means defined by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services.

2.4 Licensed Medical Practitioners, Medical Facilities, Licensed Long Term Care Facilities, Congregate Housing Facilities, and Educational Facilities shall report instances of communicable disease which they diagnose, detect, or become aware to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services or the Jefferson County Health Center as required by 19 CSR 20-20.020.

3. GUIDANCE

Staff of the Center, as part of their regular duties and responsibilities, shall provide guidance on detection, prevention, control, and mitigation of Communicable Diseases of Public Health Concern to all citizens of Jefferson County, Medical Providers, Educational Institutions, Businesses, and Places of Worship as warranted and/or solicited by said groups/persons. Guidance shall conform to established guidance issued by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and/or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

4. COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

4.1 Persons diagnosed with a communicable disease listed in 19 CSR 20-20.020(1-4) are to isolate themselves from contact with other persons in a manner necessary to prevent transmission of said disease until the infected person is no longer contagious with said disease.

4.2 Persons who are liable to transmit a communicable disease listed in 19 CSR 20-20.020(1-4) after having contact or association with an infected person or animal sufficient for the opportunity to acquire said communicable disease as a result of said contact or association are to quarantine themselves from contact with other persons for a period of time equal to the incubation period for said disease.

4.3 Center staff may, pursuant to standards or guidance from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and/or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, direct modified forms of isolation and quarantine, as appropriate, to adequately control the spread of communicable illness.

4.4 Persons ordered to isolate or quarantine under this regulation shall not be in public places, schools, businesses, or other environments where contact with other individuals is likely to occur. This shall not prevent a person to seek appropriate medical care, nor engage in activities which do not expose other persons to contact with the isolated or quarantined person.

4.5 Center staff shall enforce communicable disease prevention and control measures as described and required by Missouri Statutes and/or Missouri Code of State Regulations as to comply with RSMo 192.280.

4.6 Any order issued under this regulation which directly or indirectly closes an entire classification of business organizations, churches, schools, or other places of public or private gathering or assembly is null and void unless the Board of Trustees votes to continue it in compliance with RSMo 67.265.

4.7 Upon the detection of any novel, or unidentified disease or illness which appears to be contagious or communicable in nature, or which afflicts a significant number of persons, as to cause alarm to the origination, danger, or prognosis of said affliction, Center staff shall initiate an investigation into said illness, and report said illness to the Department of Health and Senior Services.

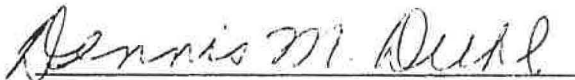
5. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this regulation is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this regulation.

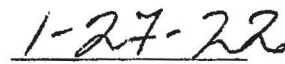
6. ADOPTION

6.1 The Board of Trustees of the Jefferson County Health Center hereby promulgates and adopts these regulations. Regulations shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED THIS 27th DAY OF January 2022



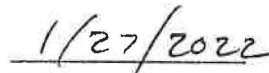
Chairman, Board of Trustees,
Jefferson County Health Center



Date



Secretary, Board of Trustees,
Jefferson County Health Center



Date