



Quarantine and Isolation Measures Policy of the Missoula City-County Board of Health

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Title of Authorizing Official: Acting Chair, Missoula City-County Board of Health

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Ross Miller, Chair

Purpose

To guide the local health officer in establishing and maintaining isolation, quarantine, and community control measures to prevent the spread of communicable disease, pursuant to 50-2-116 and 117 MCA.

Definitions

“Case” means an individual who has been diagnosed with a communicable disease or who has symptoms that fit the case definition of a communicable disease.

“Case Definition” means a set of symptoms, clinical, or diagnostic findings that constitutes a case of a communicable disease. Case definitions may be set by the local health officer, DPHHS, CDC, or WHO, and may fall into three categories of increasing certainty: suspect, probable, and confirmed.

“Contact” means an individual who has been in contact with a case or otherwise has come in contact with a communicable disease in such a way that the individual may be incubating a communicable disease.

“Communicable Disease” means human illnesses that are caused by infectious agents or their toxic products as defined in 50-1-101(1) MCA and ARM 37.114.101(2).

“Community Controls” means action limiting public movement as necessary to enact isolation or quarantine, such as, but not limited to, cancellation of public gatherings or screening individuals for symptoms.

“Local health officer” means a county, city, city-county or district local health officer appointed by the local health board pursuant to 50-2-116 (a) MCA or his or her designee and who has the powers and duties pursuant to 50-2-118 MCA.

“Incident Command” means the establishment of a command structure to deal with potential or actual disasters or emergencies.

“Incident Commander” means the person appointed by local government to be in charge of response and recovery operations for emergencies and disasters.

“Institutional Controls” means, “a legal or regulatory mechanism designed to protect public health and safety or the environment” as defined in 50-1-101(5)(a)-(c), MCA.