

## CLINTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGULATION 21-01

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

WHEREAS, § 192.300, RSMo, provides that the County Health Center Boards of the several counties 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, the adoption of regulations for the detection and control of communicable diseases is hereby found to be necessary in order to enhance and protect the Public Health;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF CLINTON COUNTY, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

### 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 Department is the Clinton County, Missouri Health Department, a County Health Center established by vote of the Citizens of Clinton County, Missouri as authorized by RSMo 205
- 1.5 Department Staff include all regular employees of the Clinton County Health Department, and any non-employee contractors of the Clinton County Health Department empowered or authorized to carry forth communicable disease control activities as part of the duties as directed by the Board of Trustees of the Clinton County Health Department.
- 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.

## **2. INVESTIGATION**

- 2.1 Department staff shall investigate all reports of communicable disease within Clinton County to determine its extent, means of spread, and threat to the citizens of the County. Department staff shall determine if novel or newly infected diseases are of Public Health Concern as a result of their threat to the Citizens of Clinton County.
- 2.2 Department 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.
- 2.3 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 Clinton County Health Department as required by 19 CSR 20-20.020.

## **3. GUIDANCE**

Staff of the Department, 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 Clinton 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) 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 to quarantine themselves from contact with other persons for a period of time equal to the incubation period for said disease.
- 4.3 Department 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 Department 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, department 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 Clinton County Health Department hereby promulgates and adopts these regulations.

6.2 The Board of Trustees orders the Administrator of the Clinton County Health Department to print these regulations. These regulations will be made available in the Office of the Clinton County Health Department, and the Office of the County Clerk.

6.3 The Board of Trustees orders a copy of these regulations be published in a newspaper of County-wide distribution within Clinton County for 3 consecutive weeks, with the first publication occurring not later than 30 days after the adoption of these regulations.

REGULATIONS SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT FROM AND AFTER THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE AND APPROVAL

PASSED THIS 22nd DAY OF December 2021

Clinton County Health Department Board of Trustees  
(Facsimile of Original)