

LOTUS RECOVERY HOUSE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE/INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

Purpose: To provide the Lotus Recovery House (LRH) with guidelines on how to follow standard precautions regarding communicable diseases and infection control.

1. Policy Guidelines

- A. As part of the Lotus Recovery House, residents will be living together with others in recovery. People in recovery have the right to keep their personal health conditions private. Therefore, residents, staff, or visitors may not know if someone residing in the home has a serious communicable disease. It is recommended that anyone in the home always follow precautions to avoid the transmission of communicable diseases. Persons with communicable diseases will not be excluded from Lotus solely on the basis of have a communicable disease. They will be required to act in a manner that both protects themselves and prevents the spread of said disease to others. Communicable diseases include, but are not limited to, measles, influenza, viral hepatitis A and B, HIV, AIDS, AIDS Related Complex, leprosy, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome and tuberculosis. The definition may be broadened by staff if it is within its best interest and in accordance with information received through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- B. It is the policy of Lotus Recovery House that standard precautions be utilized when handling and disposal of hazardous materials and infection control.
- C. First aid kits will be available in the Lotus Recovery House for use in cleanup of hazardous or infectious waste. The kits will be checked quarterly and will include instructions on standard precautions to provide instruction on appropriate handling of waste.
- D. General sanitation procedures will be conducted in compliance with accepted standard precaution standards. Latex gloves will be available at the house to be used by staff, residents and visitors for safety precautions.
- E. All LRH Staff will receive training regarding the prevention and control of infection and communicable diseases and the appropriate use of standard precautions.
- F. All residents are informed of expectations around the spread of communicable disease and general expectations regarding the reduction of the spread of such disease, such as maintaining a clean environment, hand washing, not giving tattoos to one another, and not sharing toiletries or other personal items.
- G. Any resident who discloses to the LRH Staff that she may have a communicable disease will be connected to a health care provider or the local health department, as deemed appropriate. LRH Staff will maintain privacy in such matters.

Approved By: 

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