

MODEL STRICT OR MODIFIED ISOLATION ORDER *

10/31/2003

1) Pursuant to sections 120130 and 120175 of the California Health and Safety Code, the Health Officer of _____ **HEREBY ORDERS** that the following person:
(Name of City or County)

(Name of person subject to isolation)

hereinafter referred to as the patient, shall be isolated under the conditions specified in this order until _____, or until this order is rescinded, whichever occurs first. (Date)

Violation of or failure to comply with this order may result in civil detention, and is a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment, fine, or both.

2) This order is issued because the patient has been diagnosed as a case or suspected case of _____.

3) The patient shall be isolated at the following location:

(Street address where patient is to be isolated)

4) If the patient is hospitalized, infection control practices appropriate for cases as identified in paragraph 2 of this order shall be implemented by the hospital. The patient shall not be moved from isolation or to a new isolation location without approval of the local health officer.

5) If the patient is not hospitalized, a copy of the notice attached to this order shall be prominently posted at the entrance(s) to the room(s) where the patient is confined, and the conditions of isolation shall be as follows (only checked items and written instructions shall apply): *

- The patient shall have a separate bed in a room protected against flies.
- All persons, except those caring for the patient, shall be excluded from the sick room.
- The persons caring for the patient shall avoid coming in contact with any other persons within the household or elsewhere until every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of infectious material from the patient's room. Please refer to this order and attachments for appropriate precautions.
- The persons caring for the patient shall wear a washable outer garment and shall thoroughly wash their hands with soap and hot water after handling the patient or any object he may have contaminated. Upon leaving the room in which the patient is isolated, the attendant shall take off the washable outer garment and hang it in the room until disinfected.

All discharges from the nose and mouth shall be burned or disinfected. The discharges should be received in pieces of soft tissue or cloth and dropped into a paper bag which can be burned.

Objects which may have been contaminated by the patient shall not be shared between the patient and other household members and shall be thoroughly cleansed before being removed from the contaminated area.

The feces and urine of the patient shall be disposed of according to the following instructions:

Additional conditions and instructions:

Attachment A - Instructions for Airborne or Droplet Transmission

Attachment B - Instructions for Contact Transmission

6) The patient or the patient's authorized lawful representative may contact the following representative of the local health department to seek clarification of any part of this order. If the patient or his/her authorized lawful representative believe that the patient is not a case or suspected case as described in paragraph 2 of this order, or object to the appropriateness of the conditions of isolation contained in this order, the patient or his/her lawful authorized representative may object and/or request an informal hearing by contacting the person indicated below.

(Name of local health department contact person)

(Daytime telephone)

7) The patient or the patient's authorized lawful representative may seek judicial relief from this order pursuant to California Penal Code Section 1473.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

(Signature of authorized local health department representative) _____
(Date of Issuance of Order)

This order served in person:

By _____

(Date served)

* Note that the specific conditions listed in item (5), the first seven check-offs are required by Title 17 CCR Section 2516 for *strict isolation* only. Since this model form is a template that could be used either for *strict* or *modified* isolation, these conditions could be removed (or simply not checked) if they are not applicable when a local health department adapts this form for local *modified* isolation. Also, please be sure to delete this note, change the Title (to indicate if the order is for *strict* or *modified* isolation, and to remove the word "*Model*"), and you may need to make other changes, deletions, or additions to this Model Order that you deem appropriate for your local situation and the disease under isolation.

Attachment A

Additional Instructions for Cases Involving Airborne or Droplet Transmission

The patient shall wear a surgical mask when in the same room as any person not subject to isolation. The patient shall cover his/her nose and mouth with a disposable tissue when coughing or sneezing. Used tissues shall be placed in a paper or plastic bag for disposal. If used tissues are required by this order to be burned, only paper bags shall be used.

The persons caring for the patient shall thoroughly wash their hands with soap and hot water after handling the patient or any object the patient may have contaminated. The use of disposable gloves is recommended for persons caring for the patient; however, immediately after using gloves for any direct contact with body fluids, gloves should be removed and discarded and hands should be washed. Gloves shall not be washed or reused.

Persons caring for the patient shall wear surgical masks when in the same room as the patient, unless the patient is wearing a surgical mask.

Persons caring for the patient shall wear eye and face protection in any situation where there is a chance for exposure to droplets or splashing of body fluids.

Objects, such as eating and drinking utensils, clothing, towels, and bedding used by the patient shall be washed with soap or detergent and hot or warm water before being used by any other person.

Environmental surfaces in rooms used by the patient shall be cleaned and disinfected once each day and when soiled with respiratory secretions, blood or other body fluids of the patient. It is recommended that the person performing the cleaning wear gloves.

Attachment B

Additional Instructions for Cases Involving Contact Transmission

The persons caring for the patient shall thoroughly wash their hands with soap and hot water after handling the patient or any object the patient may have contaminated. The use of disposable gloves is recommended for persons caring for the patient; however, immediately after using gloves for any direct contact with body fluids, gloves should be removed and discarded and hands should be washed. Gloves shall not be washed or reused.

Objects, such as eating and drinking utensils, clothing, towels, and bedding used by the patient shall be washed with soap or detergent and hot or warm water before being used by any other person.

Environmental surfaces rooms used by the patient shall be cleaned and disinfected once each day and when soiled with respiratory secretions, blood or other body fluids of the patient. It is recommended that the person performing the cleaning wear gloves.

Tissues and other disposable items contaminated by the patient shall be placed in a paper or plastic bag for disposal. If used tissues are required by this order to be burned, only paper bags shall be used.

Notice

Isolation Order in Effect

Entry restricted to caregivers and health department personnel.

All persons entering shall comply with infection control procedures set forth in the isolation order.

By order of the _____
(Name of City or County)
health department.