

**COUNTY OF MONROE
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK**

GENERAL ORDER JAIL BUREAU	DATE OF ISSUE March 18, 2022	EFFECTIVE DATE March 18, 2022	NO. 32-22
SUBJECT: GENERAL ORDER TB PROTOCOL		DISTRIBUTION Jail Bureau Personnel	AMENDS
REFERENCE: NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE J-B-01 OSHA 29 CFR. 1910.139 NYSSA 145, 154			RESCINDS 32-11

Purpose: To establish policy within the Monroe County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) relative to the testing of all incarcerated individuals remanded to the Monroe County Jail or Andrew P Meloni Star Academy (MSA) for Tuberculosis (TB).

Policy: The MCSO recognizes that members, employees and incarcerated individuals may be exposed to communicable diseases which can be transmitted by air, direct contact with an infected individual and/or through contact with body fluids of another. This policy has been established to minimize the risk of exposure to infected individuals.

I. Definitions

Communicable Disease

Any diseases that are capable of being transmitted from one person to another for the purpose of this protocol, the term includes, but is not limited to; the diseases known as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B (HBV), Hepatitis C (HCV) and Tuberculosis.

II. General Guidelines for Un-arraigned (U/A) Incarcerated Individuals

- A. If a U/A incarcerated individual enters the jail with active TB or suspected TB, N95 respirators will be used by all staff members who have contact with such individual. The contract medical provider will be notified and will, in turn, contact the Monroe County Health Department to confirm or deny that the individual is in the system.
- B. The incarcerated individual will be processed under the following guidelines:
 - 1. The Rochester Police Department (RPD) will be notified to effect transport of the incarcerated individual, making sure to observe appropriate RPD directives with respect to such details.
 - 2. A surgical mask will be given to the UA incarcerated individual.
 - 3. The UA incarcerated individual may be returned to the Monroe County Jail only after a confirmed normal chest x-ray.
 - 4. Upon arrival to MCJ, the booking process may continue and the individual may be housed in a general population holding cell.
 - 5. The Contract Medical Provider will be notified to complete follow up.

- C. All UA as well as arraigned (county) incarcerated individuals in Central Booking will be required to respond to several medical inquiries on his/her medical screening.

III. General Guidelines for County Incarcerated Individuals

- A. County incarcerated individuals will be held in Central Booking until TB tests are planted. County incarcerated individuals will be held in Reception Unit until TB tests are read. Tests will be read 48 to 72 hours after testing of a county individual is initiated.
 - * Note: Any incarcerated individual refusing a TB skin test will be moved immediately to a segregation cell and the shift supervisor will be notified of same. The individual will be treated as if positive for TB until consenting to a TB test, negative chest x-ray or unless otherwise cleared by the Contract Medical Provider.
- * B. Incarcerated individuals who test positive will be noted on the REC Unit TB list and be medical segregated pending a normal chest x-ray.
 - 1. Incarcerated individuals exhibiting any signs or symptoms of TB before a TB test is performed and read will be x-rayed and isolated awaiting x-ray results.
 - * 2. X-rays will be scheduled by the Contract Medical Provider on duty physician or the Monroe County Health Department.
- * C. Incarcerated individuals with abnormal chest x-rays, not ruling out TB, read by the contract Radiologist will be moved from Central Booking or the Reception Unit to a segregation cell, placed on Medical Segregation and provided with a mask anytime they are out of their cell.
 - 1. The Strong Pulmonary Team will be notified that the x-ray is being sent for review to Strong Memorial Hospital. Negative x-rays will warrant release back to either Central Booking or Reception. A positive x-ray will require the individual to be escorted with a mask to the Chest Clinic, Strong Pulmonary Unit or Strong Emergency Department if so indicated by the Monroe County Health Department.
 - 2. The Contract Medical Provider will notify the shift supervisor that the incarcerated individual is to be sent out for a medical transport.
 - 3. The shift supervisor will obtain the names of all persons who were in direct contact with the incarcerated individual from time of entry into the Monroe County Jail. Anyone in contact with this individual will be re-tested for TB three months from the initial contact date, and re-tested again three months later.
 - 4. Any individual exhibiting signs and symptoms compatible with active TB will be evaluated promptly. The individual will not return to the facility (whether it is an incarcerated individual or staff) until a diagnosis of TB has been excluded or until the individual is on therapy and a determination has been made that the individual is noninfectious.
- D. Any incarcerated individual in general population exhibiting weight loss with night sweats, productive cough and general malaise will be reported to the Contract Medical Provider immediately.

- * E. Any incarcerated individual requiring physician ordered AFB sputum's will be escorted to the Reception Annex medical office once each day for three consecutive days where sputum induction will take place. The individual will be housed in the Reception Annex Unit and will be required to wear a mask until the results of the three AFB smears return negative.
- F. Incarcerated individuals who test negative are cleared to move from reception to general population.

IV. General Guidelines for Intermittent Sentenced Incarcerated Individuals (Weekenders)

- A. All intermittent sentenced individuals will be administered a TB test by the contract medical provider prior to his/her admittance into the facility. Tests will be read 48 to 72 hours after testing is initiated.

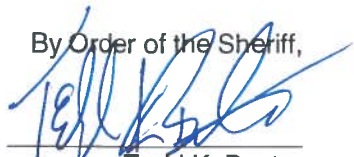
Note: Any incarcerated individual refusing a TB skin test will be moved immediately to a segregation cell and the shift supervisor will be notified of same. The individual will be treated as if positive for TB until consenting to a TB test, or unless otherwise cleared by the Contract Medical Provider or provides documentation from the Health Department or outside physician.

- B. The contract medical provider will direct any incarcerated individuals who test positive to the Chest Clinic at the Monroe County Health Department. Failure to comply with this directive will result in refusal to re-accept this person into the facility.

Note: In the event he/she wishes to seek outside medical consultation (Private Physician, VA Hospital, etc.) a one week 'grace period' will be granted and admission will be allowed for one weekend, under strict medical isolation.

- C. Failure by the incarcerated individual to produce negative x-ray results, or a treatment plan (positive chest x-ray) on the second week, will result in staff denying entrance into the facility. Staff will notify the appropriate sentencing court, whereby the re-calculation of sentencing dates may become necessary.

By Order of the Sheriff,



Todd K. Baxter

* Indicates a change in the general order