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POLICY AND PROCEDURE	
SUBJECT/TITLE:	Isolation and Quarantine Policy
APPLICABILITY:	General
HEALTH COMMISSIONER	Michael Martin, MD <i>mm</i>
ORIGINALLY PREPARED BY:	
REVISION PREPARED BY:	Melissa Spears, R.S., Environmental Health Director
EFFECTIVE DATE:	2-10-2006
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BOARD APPROVAL REVISION DATE:	3-20-20
REFERENCE NUMBER:	G - 5

ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE POLICY

Isolation and quarantine are two common public health strategies designed to protect the public by preventing exposure to infected or potentially infected persons.

Isolation refers to the separation of persons who have a specific infectious illness from those who are healthy, and the restriction of their movement to stop the spread of that illness.

Quarantine refers to the separation and restriction of movement of persons who, while not yet ill, have been exposed to an infectious agent and therefore may become infectious. Quarantine of exposed persons is a public health strategy, like isolation, that is intended to stop the spread of infectious disease.

Both isolation and quarantine may be conducted on a voluntary basis or compelled on a mandatory basis through legal authority.

The Board of Health has primary authority to enforce the provisions of sections 3707.04 to 3707.32 of the Ohio Revised Code regarding quarantine and isolation. Section 3707.34 of the Revised Code authorizes the Health Commissioner to act on behalf of the Board of Health in administering the provisions of sections 3707.04 to 3707.32 of the Revised Code regarding quarantine and isolation, if the Health Commissioner acts pursuant to a policy adopted by the Board of Health.

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The Board of Health, following Sections 3707.04 through 3707.32 of the Revised Code as necessary and in accordance with the Ohio Department of Health and CDC guidelines, specifically finds that this policy is necessary for the protection of the health of the people of Scioto County in the event of a bioterrorism or other emergency public health event.

Isolation and Quarantine Policy:

The Health Commissioner, as executive officer of the Board of Health, is authorized and required to carry out all the orders of the Board, including the enforcement of all local regulations and polices adopted by the Board. The Health Commissioner shall issue isolation or quarantine orders if a declaration is made that;

- (a) a threat to the public health exists; or**
- (b) the action is necessary to administer the provisions of sections 3707.04 to 3707 .32 of the Revised Code; and**
- (c) circumstances have rendered a meeting of the Board of Health to be impractical or impossible; or**
- (d) delaying action until a meeting of the Board of Health would compromise the public health; and**
- (e) the Health Commissioner shall advise the Portsmouth City Health Department of any circumstances that could affect the public health and safety residents within their jurisdiction.**

Upon adoption of this policy, the Board of Health delegates to the Health Commissioner all the authority possessed by the Board of Health in enforcing the provisions of sections 3707.04 to 3707.32 of the Ohio Revised Code regarding isolation and quarantine. The Health Commissioner is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Health in these matters, and any actions taken by the Health Commissioner in accordance with this policy shall be considered taken by the Board.

The authority delegated to the Health Commissioner under this policy shall continue until the earlier of;



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- (a) a finding by the Health Commissioner that such delegation of authority is no longer necessary; or
- (b) the holding of a regular or special meeting of the Board of Health wherein the Board makes a determination whether to extend, modify, or suspend the delegation of authority.

Now therefore the Isolation and Quarantine Policy has been reviewed and adopted by the Board of Health on the 20th day of March, 2020.

Board Approval:



Laura Miller,
Board President



Dr. Jerod Walker



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Sean Sturgill



Dr. Michael Martin,
Health Commissioner

Date: 3/20/20