

**COOPER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER  
REGULATION # 3  
ISOLATION/QUARANTINE**

**PURPOSE:**

To assure that timely and effective declarations of true emergencies relative to the health and well-being of the residents of Cooper County are enacted and to assure that all measures are taken to prevent and contain secondary transmission of diseases and/or conditions.

**AUTHORITY:**

This regulation is enacted pursuant to Section 192.300, RSMo, which provides, in part, as follows: “The county commissions and the county health boards of the several counties may make and promulgate orders, regulations, 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, but any orders, regulations, rules, or regulations shall not be in conflict with any rules or regulations authorized and made by the Department of Health and Senior Services in accordance with this chapter . . . [t]he county commission or county health board of any such county has full power and authority to initiate the prosecution of any action under this section.”

Also 19 CSR 20-20.020, 20.040, 20.050 and 20.060.

**Section 1. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this regulation the following words and phrases have the following meaning:

**1.1. County Health Officer** is the administrator of the Cooper County Public Health Center.

**1.2. Isolation** is the separation for the period of communicability of infected individuals and animals from other individuals and animals, in places and 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 or who may spread the agent to others.

**1.3 Quarantine** is the restriction of movement of persons or animals that have been exposed to a communicable disease, but have not yet developed disease. The period of quarantine will not be longer than the entire incubation period of the disease. The purpose of quarantine is to prevent effective contact with the general population.

A. *Complete quarantine* is a limitation of freedom of movement of persons or animals exposed to a communicable disease, generally for a period of time not longer than the entire incubation period of the disease, in order to prevent effective contact with the general population.

- B. *Modified quarantine* is a selective, partial limitation of freedom of movement of persons or animals determined on the basis of differences in susceptibility or danger of disease transmission. Modified quarantine is designed to meet particular situations and includes, but is not limited to, the exclusion of children from school, the closure of schools and places of public or private assembly and the prohibition or restriction of those exposed to a communicable disease from engaging in a particular occupation.

**1.4 Embargo**, for the purposes of this regulation, is the detention of food, medicine, supplies, equipment or other materials until such time as a determination can be made as to whether the products or items require condemnation and destruction in the interest of safeguarding public health, whether the items are safe or may be salvaged, decontaminated or disinfected.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- I. Declaration of Public Health Emergency. The Cooper County Health Officer, or the County Health Officer's designated representative, shall have the power to declare a *public health* emergency or crisis and establish such isolation, quarantine and/or embargo as may be deemed necessary to protect the health and well-being of the residents and citizens of Cooper County against infectious, contagious, communicable or dangerous diseases and conditions. Those diseases include but are not limited to those listed in 19 CSR 20-20.010, 19 CSR 20-20.020, 19 CSR 20-20.040, 19CSR 20-20.050 and 19 CSR 20-20.060, and Chapter 196 RSMo.
- II. Notice and Assistance. If there is an imminent public health danger requiring the establishment of isolation, quarantine or embargo, the Cooper County Health Officer or designee shall immediately notify the Cooper County Emergency Management Director who shall then assist with notifying and obtaining the assistance of law enforcement and other necessary personnel, as further set forth in the County emergency preparedness plan. The Cooper County Health Officer shall work in conjunction with the Cooper County Emergency Management Director, and such local law enforcement, the State Health Department and laboratory, medical personnel and CDC Personnel, as he deems necessary.
- III. Authority of County Health Officer. The Cooper County Health Officer shall have authority within the county to do one or more of the following.
- (a) Identify persons (and/or animals) subject to quarantine and/or isolation, whether by name, by group, by location or by any other reasonable means;
  - (b) Determine the geographic boundaries of the quarantine or isolation, and, in connection therewith, post signs, cause doors to be locked or guarded and/or roadways to be blocked;

- (c) Establish precautions to be taken by emergency personnel and any other persons entering or leaving the quarantine or isolation area;
- (d) Assist in making arrangements for food, shelter and medical care for any persons subject to quarantine or isolation;
- (e) Establish zones within a quarantine area depending upon likelihood of exposure;
- (f) Authorize the movement and method of transportation of persons subject to quarantine or isolation;
- (g) Determine and establish the length of time which the quarantine or isolation is imposed;
- (h) Close any school or place of public or private assembly;
- (i) Inspect any premises that he has reasonable grounds to believe are in a condition conducive to the spread of any communicable disease;
- (j) Collect specimens or samples for laboratory analysis to confirm or rule out the presence of biological, chemical or physical agents and determine the source of the infection, epidemic or exposure;
- (k) Confer with medical advisors, laboratories or others making report of such conditions;
- (l) Make a complete epidemiological, environmental or occupational industrial hygiene investigation and record the findings as indicated;
- (m) Provide the opportunity to immunize all contacts of persons suffering from the disease (if available);
- (n) Establish other control measures including disinfection or decontamination;
- (o) Order examinations necessary to determine presence of food-borne, water-borne or vector-borne infection or disease;
- (p) Exclude persons who are infected with a communicable disease from the production, preparation, manufacture, packaging, storage, sale, distribution or transportation of foods; and
- (q) Exclude food supplies known or suspected to transmit food-borne infection from distribution and use, and order the destruction of

embargoed foods and supplies pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 196 RSMo. and 19 CSR 20-20.060.

- IV. Enforcement. Pursuant to Section 192.320, RSMo, any quarantined or isolated person who leaves any place of isolation or quarantine without the consent of the Cooper County Health Officer; evades or breaks quarantine; knowingly conceals a case of contagious, infectious or communicable disease; or removes, destroys, obstructs from view, or tears down any quarantine card or other notice posted by or at the direction of the attending physician or the County Health Officer shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. Each occasion is a separate offense.
  
- V. Rights of affected persons. Any person subject to a quarantine or isolation shall have access to telephone, wireless communication and email communication, to the extent available. Any person subject to isolation or quarantine shall be entitled to petition the court for a declaration as to whether the imposition of this regulation upon him or her is reasonable under the circumstances, and to a hearing before a circuit court judge on an expedited basis. Said person may present evidence by telephone or other electronic means.

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