

****SAMPLE****

Subject: Communicable Disease (Isolation) Protocol

Purpose: To establish a standardized process for the prevention of the spread of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases

POLICY: It is the policy of _____ (MD/Clinic Name) to ensure its patients will be protected from the spread of communicable disease.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE (ISOLATION) PROTOCOL

Procedure:

Patients with a communicable disease will be brought IMMEDIATELY to a separate examination room and are not permitted to remain in the waiting room.

A separate entrance should be used if available and if possible, the patient should be scheduled at the end of the day to decrease the exposure to any other individuals.

Designated examination room is number _____ if available. For airborne isolation, this room must remain closed with no admittance for at least one hour after the patient leaves. After 1 hour the room must be disinfected with the appropriate EPA approved, tuberculocidal disinfectant.

Infection control guidelines:

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html>