

# Infectious Disease Procedures

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**Purpose:** To establish procedural guidelines for responding when assisting a campus or department with the implementation of the hold of a person required by public health authorities.

When an authorized public health authority, including Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services (HCPHES) or the Texas Department of Health Services (TDHS) issues an order requiring that a student or staff member suspected of having an infectious disease be held for transfer by a public health authority or its designee, the officer(s), under the direction of a supervisor, will support the campus or department as needed, including:

- establishing and maintaining a perimeter, as dictated by the situation.
- assisting in maintaining the established isolation area.
- supporting the logistics of the transfer from the district campus or facility to the authorized transfer agent.

Should the situation require actual contact with the individual thought to have an infectious disease, an officer equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment (ppe) will be deployed.

After the transfer has been completed, any ppe utilized will be disposed of according to the guidelines in place by public health authorities. Staff will comply with all personal care protocol in place.

Staff members are reminded that all medical information will be treated confidentially, as provided by law and district policy.