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PURPOSE

To provide a comprehensive infection control system, which maximizes protection against communicable diseases for all members of the Peoria Fire Department and for the public that, they serve.

SCOPE

This department recognizes that communicable disease exposure is an occupational health hazard. Communicable disease transmission is possible during any aspect of emergency response, including in-station operations. The health and welfare of each member is a joint concern of the member, the Peoria Fire Department, and the City of Peoria. While each member is ultimately responsible for his or her own health, the department recognizes a responsibility to provide as safe a workplace as possible. The goal of this program is to provide all members with the best available protection from occupationally acquired communicable disease.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Peoria Fire Department:

- To provide fire, rescue, and emergency medical services to the public without regard to known or suspected diagnoses of communicable disease in any patient.
- To regard all patient contacts as potentially infectious. Universal Precautions will be observed at all times and will be expanded to include all body fluids and other potentially infectious material (body substance isolation-BSI).
- To provide all members with the necessary training, immunizations, and personal protective equipment (PPE) needed for protection from communicable diseases.
- To recognize the need for work restrictions based on infection control concerns.
- To encourage participation in member assistance and CISD programs.
- To prohibit discrimination of any member for health reasons, including infection and/or seroconversion with HIV or HBV virus.
- To regard all medical information as strictly confidential. No member health information will be released without the signed written consent of the member.

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- These engineering or work practice controls will be annually reviewed and updated as new information becomes available and/or when new employee positions with the potential for exposure are created.

Approved:



Bobby Ruiz, Fire Chief

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Date