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**Template Communicable Disease/Infection Control Policy**

As a part of House Name, you will be living together with others in recovery. People in recovery have the right to keep their personal health conditions private. Therefore, our recovery house or you may not know if someone you are living with has a serious communicable disease.

Therefore, it is recommended that you always follow precautions to avoid the transmission of communicable disease.

It is the policy of Name of House that standard precautions will be utilized by recovery housing personnel and residents in the handling/disposal of hazardous materials.

1. First-aid kits will be available at each site for use in cleanup of hazardous/infectious waste. Appropriate cleaning supplies are also provided to all residents that can be used for appropriate cleaning of hazardous waste. Basic instructions on how to clean common hazardous/infectious waste are located in the first aid kit.

2. Residents, staff, volunteers and all other personnel are expected to follow the appropriate instructions when cleaning and disposal of hazardous waste. If anyone has questions on how to clean potentially hazardous or infectious waste, they should ask their house manager.

3. All residents who are prescribed sharps or similar items for disease management are expected to dispose of such materials appropriately according to the prescriber’s instructions and in appropriate manner for household use.

4. All staff shall receive training regarding the prevention and control of infection and communicable diseases, and the appropriate use of standard precautions.

5. All residents are informed of expectations around the spread of communicable disease and general expectations regarding reducing the possible spread of such disease. Residents are recommended to wash hands frequently, maintain a clean environment, use appropriate cleaning products, and avoid sharing utensils and personal care items with others.

6. Any resident who discloses to name of house that he/she/they may have a communicable disease will be connected to a health care provider or public health department, as appropriate. The resident will be expected to follow the instructions of the public health department or health care provider.

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