Communicable Illness/Pandemic Outbreak Procedure

Purpose:

Central Community College will review, evaluate, and respond to any suspected or confirmed instances of certain communicable illnesses among members of the CCC community which may be transmitted in normal business or academic settings. The following plan outlines protocol in the event of learning that a member of the College community has contracted a severe communicable disease, or wide-reaching food borne illness. Individual review, evaluation, and response will take into consideration applicable federal and state laws; and recommendations from local Public Health Officials and comply with any corresponding directives form those Health Officials regarding the communicable illness. CCC is committed to the protection of both public health and individual rights to the extent possible in each case. This plan is developed to increase Central Community College's overall emergency management capabilities in response to threats and occurrences of communicable illness/pandemic outbreak. This is accomplished by enhancing CCC's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan using hazard specific planning that addresses strategies for communicable illness/pandemic outbreaks and appropriate measures to take.

- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Covid 19

Current management guidelines for these illnesses and others are available at: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov). This plan does not pertain to Sexually Transmitted Disease (STDs).

Communicable Illness/Pandemic Outbreaks Specific Objectives and Checklists:
1) Planning and Coordination: Coordinates plan development and implementation and provide appropriate command and control. The plan will address college mandates based on the most current information available to ensure the health and safety of the campus community. Where required, emergency notifications for Communicable Disease Outbreaks will be issued pursuant to Clery notifications.
2) Situation Monitoring, Assessments and Containment: Uses surveillance activities for rapid detection of possible disease infections and assists in making proper recommendations to prevent disease transmission.
3) Prevention, Education, and Warnings: Provides accurate and timely information regarding steps individuals may take to prevent or reduce infection and information regarding College efforts in responding to the pandemic.
4) Sheltering and housing needs: Provides sheltering needs during a pandemic. Sheltering needs include the possibilities for quarantines for those who have come into contact (or believed to have come into contact) with the infectious disease and/or possibility of separate housing for infected/sick persons (isolation). Sheltering needs will include food and water considerations.
5) Implementation of health safety protocols as a requirement of permitted presence for persons

Administrative functions normally performed in the EOC would be performed via the aforementioned communication methods and coordination with departments who typically would not report to the EOC will be coordinated through their normal chain of command.

Large scale policy decisions will be made and implemented based on information received from various entities including the local Health Department, county, state authorities, and other advisories and recommendations gathered during the pandemic.

College departments/clusters should submit situation reports to Campus President (Team Leader)/Incident Commander, as appropriate, advising ongoing operational efforts during declared pandemic emergencies. Additionally, requests for needs that cannot be satisfied through normal channels should be submitted to Campus President (Team Leader)/Incident Commander.

External coordination with county agencies and the College response efforts is necessary and should be accomplished on a continuous basis during any pandemic response effort. The Incident Commander in conjunction with the Team Leader and the Emergency Response Team will have absolute authority over the campus in the event of a communicable illness outbreak.

Factors to consider for implementation of quarantine and/or isolation:
- Explain to the community and involved individuals of the reason for isolation including its effectiveness and duration as well as support available to person in quarantine and/or isolation.
- Identify other individuals who may be at risk for developing infection (potential secondary cases).
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