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SUBJECT:	CONTROL OF PARASITES ON INMATES AND IN THEIR PERSONAL CLOTHING
RELATED SECTIONS: IN COMPLIANCE WITH:	TITLE 15, SECTION § 1264

PURPOSE

To ensure all inmates and their personal clothing is free of parasites.

POLICY

Any inmate who is infested with parasites shall be given the opportunity to bathe and clean him or herself. The inmate shall be referred to medical staff for proper treatment. The inmate's personal clothing will be placed in a plastic bag and sealed for 14 days or washed in hot water and dried in a hot dryer.

PROCEDURE

I. INMATE INFESTED WITH PARASITES

When deputies suspect an inmate is infested with parasites, the deputy will notify the medical staff. The medical staff will determine the nature of the parasites and direct the staff to begin proper treatment of clothing and bedding.

II. ISOLATION OF INMATE PERSONAL CLOTHING

- A. When a deputy suspects an inmate's personal clothing is infested with parasites, the clothing will be isolated.
- B. The deputy will ask the inmate for permission to have the clothing laundered. After permission is obtained, the deputy will place the clothing in a clear plastic bag, seal the bag, and mark the inmate's name, booking number, nature of the infestation and any other necessary information. A second clear plastic bag will enclose the first bag.
- C. If the inmate gives permission to have the clothes washed, the deputy will send the clothing to the laundry supervisor or designee with a request to wash the clothing. After washing, the clothes will be returned to the inmate or placed in the property storage area.
- D. If the inmate denies permission to have the clothes washed, the deputy will send the clothes to the clothing storage area.
 - 1. The clothes bag will be clearly dated and marked. The clothes will remain sealed in the plastic bag.

2. Upon release, the inmate will be given the sealed bag of infested clothing.
3. Inmates will be dressed in their personal clothing worn when booked into the jail or clothing provided by inmate welfare.

III. CLEANING OF PARASITIC INFESTED PERSONAL CLOTHING

- A. The laundry supervisor or designee is responsible for laundering the clothing. Consideration will be given to, but not limited to, nature of infestation, clothing material, and available resources such as hot water, laundry soap and a washing machine with a small load capacity.
 1. Launder clothing in hot water (at least 131 degrees Fahrenheit) for 20 minutes to destroy the parasites.
 2. Infested clothing should be laundered separately.
- B. If the laundry supervisor or designee determines the infested clothing cannot be successfully laundered, the laundry supervisor will have the clothing resealed and returned to the property storage area.
- C. If the clothing is laundered, the laundry supervisor will return the clothing to the property storage area or to the inmate, whichever is appropriate.