

SDSD Detention Services Bureau—San Diego Central Jail Green Sheet

DATE:	March 4, 2022
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SUBJECT:	PEST AND VERMIN CONTROL – LICE, SCABIES AND OTHER INFESTATIONS

PROCEDURE

When an incarcerated person is suspected of having lice, scabies, or other infestation, the deputy will notify medical staff. The incarcerated person will be given an opportunity to bathe and will be given appropriate medical treatment. Health staff will determine the nature of the infestation and direct the deputies to begin proper treatment of clothing and bedding.

If an incarcerated person is wearing personal clothing, the items will be placed into a blue medical plastic bag, labeled “CONTAMINATED” and placed into property. When the incarcerated person leaves custody, he will be dressed in other clothing. This will consist of either personal clothing that has been brought in, or clothing from the grab bag. The contaminated bag will not be opened in the facility.

If jail clothing is infested, it will be placed into a blue medical plastic bag, labeled “CONTAMINATED” and sent to the laundry.

Blue medical plastic bags can be obtained from the main medical desk on the 3rd floor. At that time, health staff may or may not have tags they can provide to make labeling easier.

Lice, scabies and other infestations should be considered a public health issue. As such, if an incarcerated person refuses medical treatment for the infestation, the incarcerated person will be escorted through the booking process and placed in a medical isolation cell in the Medical Observation Housing (MOB) unit. Appropriate signage will be placed on the door of the MOB cell notifying those entering the cell that the incarcerated person has an infestation. Upon the discharge of the incarcerated person from custody, the cell will be appropriately treated and sanitized.