

## **TUBERCULOSIS (TB)**

### **CONFINEMENT ORDER OR WARRANT**

The Health Department has the authority to issue an order of confinement of a person who refuses to comply with an isolation order. Health and Safety Code 121365 grants the Health Department the authority to order the confinement.

When a person refuses treatment or refuses to be placed in isolation in a traditional hospital setting, the Health Officer has the authority to arrest the person and place him/her into custody.

### **ORDER OF CONFINEMENT**

- The Tuberculosis Health Officers have been advised to contact the Watch Commander and Medical before bringing the inmate to a facility.
- If the Health Officer has not contacted the facility, the Watch Commander and Medical will be notified **immediately** by the Intake Deputy.
- The inmate will **not** be accepted by the Intake Deputy until both the Watch Commander and Medical have been notified.
- The Health Officer will have in his/her possession a court order stating the inmate was ordered to comply with the isolation order.
- The bail for this offense is set per court order.
- The court of jurisdiction is San Diego Municipal, Misdemeanor Arraignment Department (SDM).

If the inmate is not arraigned per 825 PC, contact the on-duty supervisor. The on-duty supervisor will contact the Health Department and apprise them of the situation. If the Health Department wants the inmate to remain in custody, the inmate will be released and rearrested by the Health Department.

### **AGENCY NOTIFICATIONS**

The department of public health has a need to be notified of the release of inmates with infectious tuberculosis (TB). Therefore, it is absolutely crucial that the appropriate notifications be made by IPD staff to the TB Control Branch at the time of Intake in order for Public Health to serve the inmate with a legal order while in custody, that instructs them to remain in isolation after release. In addition, IPD staff will notify TB Control at the time of the pre-release process. The pre-release notification is particularly important in order for Public Health to intercept and prevent a client from possibly appearing in public while still infectious.

M-F Tuberculosis Control Intake (619) 692-8610

If the above number does not reach TB staff within 30 minutes, call the Communicable Disease Investigation unit at (619) 692-8292 or Cell Phone (619)302-5053 – Lorena Gonzalez-Fabiny (Supervisor)

Final number for assistance is T.B Control Administrator (619) 692-8621, ask for the T.B Controller

Contact your on-duty supervisor if you are unable to resolve the agency notification.

## **WARRANTS**

Persons who fail to comply with an order issued per HS 121365 are guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be confined per HS 120280 until such time as the order is fully complied with or is terminated by the Public Health Officer (PHO).

When the health officer receives information that an order has been violated, they will notify the City Attorney, and a misdemeanor warrant charging HS 120280 will be issued. These warrants will be accepted and booked in accordance with current Sheriff's department booking acceptance criteria.

It is imperative the processing, tracking, and notification process for this type of warrant be strictly adhered to, as exposure to these individuals may pose a danger to the public health in general.

Upon receipt of these warrants inmate processing staff will take the following action:

## **INTAKE**

After verification and acceptance of the warrant and J-15 Intake slip, the technician assigned to the Intake position will notify the following:

- Watch Commander
- TB Control

### **Weekdays**

Lorena.Gonzalez-Fabiny@[sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:sdcountry.ca.gov)  
Supervising Communicable Disease Investigator  
(619) 692-8292      (619)302-5053 (cell)

### **Weekends**

TB Intake: 1-619-540-0194 (cell)

- Sheriff's facility medical unit

## **PRE-BOOK**

The technician assigned to the Pre-book position will:

- Book and schedule the warrant in San Diego Municipal, misdemeanor arraignment (SDM).
- Bail amount is per the warrant.

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## **BOOKING**

The technician assigned to the booking position will:

- Place a “Y” in the *Notify at Release* field of the related addresses screen of the JIMS, and add contact information for TB Control and/or as provided by medical staff in the *NOTES* field.

## **COURT UPDATES**

When a court document is received at the Court Update position remanding an inmate per charge code HS 120280, the technician will perform the following:

- Book the remand per the court document
- Notify Watch Commander
- Notify TB Control

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- Notify Sheriff’s facility medical unit
- Place a “Y” in the *Notify at Release* field of the related addresses screen of the JIMS, and add contact information for TB Control and/or as provided by medical staff in the *NOTES* field.

**NOTE:** If no court document is received upon arraignment, the court will be contacted. These warrants will not be released until directed by the court and cleared by medical staff.

## **PRE-RELEASE**

When release is authorized by the court and the subject is cleared by medical, the technician assigned to Pre-release will ensure TB control is notified of the impending release.

***NOTE: It is imperative TB control be notified prior to release, as in some cases information regarding after care or follow up treatment must be provided to the inmate.***

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