

SUBJECT: **GUIDELINES FOR THE PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS AND  
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

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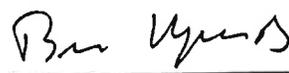
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- I. **Authority:** California Health & Safety Code Chapter 3, Article 5, Section 1797.186, 1797.188 and 1797.189.
- II. **Purpose:** To reduce the risk of exposure/transmission of infectious and communicable diseases to prehospital personnel and to patients.
- III. **Policy:**
  - A. All prehospital agencies (including first responder agencies, EMT, Advanced EMT (AEMT), and Paramedic provider agencies, EMT, AEMT and Paramedic training agencies, Base Hospitals, and aeromedical providers) shall develop and implement comprehensive policies and procedures that are in compliance with the guidelines and requirements outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and the California Occupational Safety & Health Administration regarding "universal precautions" and the protection of personnel and patients from exposure to blood borne and other infectious diseases.
  - B. All prehospital provider agencies shall develop and implement policies regarding the prompt reporting and follow-up of exposures to infectious diseases.

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