


PBP FORM 290  PITTSBURGH BUREAU OF POLICE <i>"...honor, integrity, courage, respect, and compassion."</i>		SUBJECT: "INFECTIOUS DISEASE KITS"		ORDER NUMBER: 35-3
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1.0 POLICY/PURPOSE

1.1 The disease kit is meant to reduce the risk to police officers when they come in contact with someone having or suspected of having an infectious disease.

2.0 CONTENTS

2.1 Each kit will contain a mask, gown, pair of gloves, a disposal bag and hand wipes.

3.0 USE

3.1 To be used at the discretion of the officer to protect the hands and clothing from gross soiling from blood, body fluids or feces. A separate pair of disposable gloves will also be issued in the event the use of the entire kit is not needed.

4.0 DISPOSAL

4.1 Untie the gown waist-tie with the gloves on.

4.2 Remember that the outside surface of the gown is *considered contaminated*.

4.3 Untie the neck-tie of the gown and pull the gown down over your shoulders and down your arms turning it inside out as you remove it.

4.4 Hold the gown well away from your uniform, fold it inside out and discard in the red disposable bag.

4.5 Remove the mask by holding it by the strings and discard it in the red disposable bag.

4.6 Remove one glove by pulling it at the cuff, turning the glove inside out as you pull. Remove the second glove by wedging one or two fingers inside the glove, pulling it off turning it inside out as you remove it. Discard it in the red disposable bag.

4.7 WASH YOUR HANDS with the hand wipes included in the kit.

4.8 The disposable bags may be discarded at any hospital emergency room.

5.0 HAND WASHING

5.1 Hand washing is the most important infection control procedure in the prevention of both self-contamination and cross-contamination.

5.2 Hands should be washed following patient contact even if the gloves have been worn.

5.3 A rapid but effective method for hand washing is as follows:

- a. Turn faucets on and wet hands thoroughly
- b. Dispense soap
- c. Rub hands together for 15 to 20 seconds
- d. Rinse hands well under running water
- e. Dry hands with paper towels
- f. Using a paper towel to turn off faucets

5.2 If soap and running water are not available, an alcohol waterless disinfectant cleaner may be used.

5.3 It should be noted that the skin provides a very effective barrier against disease producing micro-organisms. All contact areas should be washed with an appropriate soap or hand wash product as soon as possible following contact.

6.0 REPLACEMENT OF KITS

6.1 An INFECTIOUS DISEASE FORM DPS-1 MUST BE FILLED OUT WHEN THE KIT IS USED

6.2 When the form is turned in the kit will be replaced. Commander or his/her designee will insure that a supply of kits is kept on hand in their Duty Locations.

6.3 Additionally, a bleach solution can be used for hosing down vehicles. Each Duty Location should keep several gallons on hand. At the discretion of the officers, this solution may be used to disinfect the vehicles when necessary.

6.4 Replacements for the Infectious Disease Kits and bleach solutions will be obtained at the Quarter Master/Property room.

6.5 If a vehicle is in need of decontamination, Fleet Operations must be notified. Fleet Operations will determine if the vehicle needs decontaminated and where the vehicle should be taken.

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