**Section 690.570 Plague (Reportable by telephone immediately**, **within 3 hours upon initial clinical suspicion of the disease)**

a) Control of Case.

1) Standard Precautions shall be followed. For all patients, Droplet Precautions shall be followed until pneumonia has been determined not to be present.

2) For patients with pneumonic plague, Droplet Precautions shall be followed until 72 hours after initiation of effective antimicrobial therapy and the patient has a favorable clinical response. Antimicrobial susceptibility testing is recommended.

3) Cases and their clothing should be treated to eliminate fleas.

b) Control of Contacts.

1) Contacts to pneumonic plague cases shall be offered chemoprophylaxis and placed under surveillance with close observation for developing illness for 7 days. For contacts who refuse chemoprophylaxis, strict quarantine is required for 7 days.

2) Contacts to bubonic plague shall be disinfested with an appropriate insecticide and kept under surveillance with close observation for developing illness for 7 days. Contacts to bubonic plague should be offered chemoprophylaxis.

c) Laboratory Reporting.

1) Laboratories shall report to the local health authority patients from whom Yersinia pestis is cultured or patients who have a positive result on any other laboratory test indicative of and specific for detecting Yersinia pestis infection.

2) Laboratories shall forward clinical materials that are suspect or confirmed positive for Yersinia pestis to the Department's laboratory.

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