PURPOSE: To establish the function, composition and operating procedures for the system wide Infection Control Committee.

POLICY:

I. A multi-disciplinary oversight* committee, chaired by the TDCJ Director of Public Health, will provide policy guidelines for the Agency’s Infection Control Program.

II. The Infection Control Committee shall have the authority through its chairperson, or other physician members, to recommend any appropriate control measures when imminent danger exists to any offender or employee. Review and approval of the action will be made by the Division Director for Health Services or designee.

PROCEDURE: Each facility will maintain a current copy of the Infection Control Manual, which describes the function and composition of the Infection Control Committee. It is the responsibility of the TDCJ Director of Public Health to ensure the manual is current and reviewed at least annually.

*The Facility Quality Management Team will provide oversight of Agency Infection Control Programs implemented at the facility level.

Reference: ACA Standard 4-4354