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## Nebraska Administrative Code Topic - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SYSTEM Title 173 - CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE Chapter 6 - DIRECTED HEALTH MEASURES TO PREVENT OR LIMIT THE SPREAD OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, ILLNESS, OR POISONING Section 173-6-005 - PROCEDURES

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005.01 In making the finding under 173 NAC 6-003 and determining the measures under 173 NAC 6-004, the Director will consult with the Chief Medical Officer, if the Director is not a medical doctor, or other medical and communicable disease control personnel of the Department. The Director may make use of the expertise and observations of any health care provider who has treated a person for whom a Directed Health Measure is being considered. The Director will also consider the directives and guidelines issued by the American Public Health Association and the United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or their successors, and may consider the directives and guidelines issued by similar public health authorities.

005.02 In determining the nature, scope, and duration of the Directed Health Measure ordered, the Director, based on the information available at the time of the determination, will:

1. Assess the situation and identify the least restrictive practical means of isolating, quarantining, or decontaminating an individual that effectively protects unexposed and susceptible individuals;
2. Select a place of isolation or quarantine that will allow the most freedom of movement and communication with family members and other contacts without allowing disease transmission to others and allow the appropriate level of medical care needed by isolated or quarantined individuals to the extent practicable;
3. For communicable diseases, order that the duration of the Directed Health Measure should be no longer than necessary to ensure that the affected individual or group no longer poses a public health threat;
4. Give consideration to separation of isolated individuals from quarantined individuals. However, if quarantine or isolation is possible in the home(s) of the affected individual(s), individuals may be isolated with quarantined individuals; and
5. Give consideration to providing for termination of the Order under the following circumstances:
  - a. If laboratory testing or examination is available to rule out a communicable condition, the Order may provide that proof of the negative result will be accepted to terminate a Directed Health Measure; or
  - b. If treatment is available to remedy a communicable condition, the Order may provide that proof of successful treatment will be accepted to terminate a Directed Health Measure.

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