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Maternity home safety standards.

- (A) All persons whose work or service responsibilities involve continuing activities in the maternity home shall have a health evaluation by a licensed physician or other licensed health professional operating within their scope of practice, which shall include establishing the absence of conditions transmissible to others, prior to their having access to the home.

- (B) The maternity home shall establish and follow written infection control policies and procedures for the surveillance, control and prevention, and reporting of communicable disease organisms by both the contact and airborne routes which shall be consistent with current infection control guidelines issued by the United States centers for disease control and prevention. The policies and procedures shall address:
 - (1) The utilization of protective clothing and equipment;
 - (2) The storage, maintenance and distribution of sterile supplies and equipment;
 - (3) The disposal of biological waste, including blood, body tissue, and fluid in accordance with Ohio law;
 - (4) Universal precautions body substance isolation or equivalent; and
 - (5) Tuberculosis and other airborne diseases.

- (C) The maternity home shall not knowingly permit a staff member or volunteer to provide services if the individual has a communicable disease capable of being transmitted during the performance of his or her duties.

- (D) The maternity home shall require each staff member to be tested for tuberculosis in accordance with current tuberculosis testing guidelines issued by the United States centers for disease control and prevention.

- (E) A maternity home shall document any complications and adverse events impacting the health, safety, or well being of any resident.

- (F) The maternity home shall comply with Chapter 3701-3 of the Administrative Code pertaining to reportable disease notification.