American Jail Association Resolution
Infectious Disease Control

WHEREAS, jails, due to their inherent structural limitations, high occupancy density, and population mobility, present a unique and elevated risk for the rapid transmission of communicable diseases, including but not limited to influenza, tuberculosis, Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), and emerging pathogens; and

WHEREAS, the facility has an ethical and legal responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for all detainees, staff, contractors, and visitors, requiring the implementation of standardized, evidence-based infection prevention practices; and

WHEREAS, adherence to universally accepted infection control practices, encompassing standard precautions and enhanced transmission-based precautions, is essential to mitigate health risks and maintain operational continuity; and

WHEREAS, jails face limitations due to the nature of facility physical plant design, capacity and available bed space, and the populations custody/security levels along with recognition of individuals' special needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT all jails should maintain effective policy and procedures to outline: precautions, protocol, actionable steps and personal protective equipment standards.

III. Sunset Provision

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in full force and effect for a period of five (5) years, after which it shall automatically expire on March 9, 2031, unless formally reaffirmed, revised, or amended by the Board of Directors prior to that date.

ADOPTED *on March 9, 2026, by the AJA Board of Directors in a Zoom meeting..*