

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Community Health Agency, Department of Public Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
September 2, 2004

SUBJECT: National Infection Control Week, October 18th, 2004

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors proclaim the week of October 18, 2004 as National Infection Control Week.

BACKGROUND: More than 8,000 cases of communicable diseases were reported in Riverside County in 2003. Diseases such as hepatitis, meningitis, salmonella, Chlamydia, AIDS, TB, and West Nile virus represent a threat to healthcare workers and the general public. National Infection Control Week provides an opportunity to emphasize the importance of infection control measures to prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

All Riverside County residents are encouraged to practice good hand washing as an effective infection control strategy.

Departmental Concurrence

ATTACHMENT

BC/da

Susan D. Harrington

Susan Harrington, Director of Public Health

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	0
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	0
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	04/05

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Dan Martin

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Policy
- Policy

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Agenda Number:

INFECTION CONTROL WEEK

WHEREAS, healthcare workers are at risk for acquiring serious and potentially deadly infections, such as hepatitis C, HIV infection, Tuberculosis, and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS); AND

WHEREAS, the control of infectious diseases is of vital concern to all Riverside County residents; AND

WHEREAS, in 2003, over 8,000 communicable diseases were reported in Riverside County; AND

WHEREAS, communicable diseases represent a significant cause of illness in Riverside County residents, impacting the individual and the community; AND

WHEREAS, modern infection control methods help protect Riverside County residents from the spread of hospital and community acquired infectious disease; AND

WHEREAS, prevention is the key to curtailing these diseases of epidemic proportions; AND

WHEREAS, October 18 through 22, 2004 has been designated as National Infection Control Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN that the RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby proclaims the week of October 18 through 22, 2004 as National Infection Control Week and encourages all residents to practice infection control measures such as good hand washing.