

**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 27, 2005

**SUBJECT:** National Infection Control Week - October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- 1) Recognize and proclaim the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as National Infection Control Week.

**BACKGROUND:** More than 7,000 cases of communicable diseases were reported in Riverside County in 2004. Diseases such as Influenza, Hepatitis, Salmonella, Shigella, Norwalk and rash illnesses such as Chickenpox, can be spread by coughing, sneezing and direct contact with contaminated hands. These diseases represent a threat to health care 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, and covering the nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing to curtail the spread of disease.

*Susan D. Harrington*

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Director of Public Health

<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	05/06
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	0
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	05/06

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

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

**County Executive Office Signature**

*Dan Martin*

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

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:**

**District:**

**Agenda Number:**

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## **INFECTION CONTROL WEEK**

WHEREAS, health care workers are frequently exposed to potentially serious community acquired infections, spread through airborne and gastrointestinal routes, resulting in such infections as Influenza, Hepatitis, Salmonella, Shigella, Norwalk and rash illnesses such as Chickenpox (Varicella); and

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

WHEREAS, Riverside County's Communicable Disease Unit routinely investigates multiple infectious diseases including West Nile Virus, food borne, gastrointestinal and rash illness outbreaks in the community; and

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

WHEREAS, simple infection control methods such as hand washing and cough hygiene can help protect Riverside County residents from the spread of hospital and community acquired infectious diseases and

WHEREAS, prevention is the key to curtailing communicable diseases; and

WHEREAS, October 17 through 23, 2005 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 17 through 23, 2005 as National Infection Control Week and encourages all residents to practice infection control measures such as frequent hand washing to curtail the spread of disease.