

KANSAS ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS (K.A.R.)

Agency 28

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Article 1.—Diseases

28-1-1. Definitions. As used in K.A.R. 28-1-1 through 28-1-23, each of the following terms shall have the meaning specified in this regulation: (a) "Case" means an instance of a diagnosed infectious or contagious disease or condition in a person or an animal. (b) "Cluster, outbreak, or epidemic" means a situation in which cases are observed in excess of what is expected compared to the usual frequency of the incidence of the infectious or contagious disease or condition in a defined area, among a specified population, and during a specified period of time. (c) "Condition" means any noninfectious adverse health event. (d) "Correctional facility" means any city or county jail or any correctional institution, as defined in K.S.A. 75-5202 and amendments thereto. (e) "Corrections officer" means an employee of the department of corrections, as defined in K.S.A. 75-5202 and amendments thereto, and any person employed by a city or county who is in charge of a jail or section of a jail, including jail guards and those individuals who conduct searches of persons taken into custody. (f) "Department" means Kansas department of health and environment. (g) "Emergency services employee" means an attendant, as specified in K.S.A. 65-6112 and amendments thereto; a supervised student, as described in K.S.A. 65-6129a and amendments

thereto; an observer authorized by an employing agency or entity; or a paid or volunteer firefighter.

(h) "Infectious or contagious diseases" has the meaning specified for "infectious and contagious diseases" in K.S.A. 65-116a, and amendments thereto.

(i) "Local health officer" means each person appointed pursuant to K.S.A. 65-201, and amendments thereto.

(j) "Occupational exposure" has the meaning specified in K.S.A. 65-116a, and amendments thereto.

(k) "Other potentially infectious materials" has the meaning specified in K.S.A. 65-116a, and amendments thereto.

(l) "Physician" means a person licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice medicine and surgery.

(m) "Secretary" means secretary of the department of health and environment.

(n) "Suspected case" means an instance in which signs and symptoms suggestive of an infectious or contagious disease or condition are present in a person or animal before confirmation of the diagnosis. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 65-101 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 65-128; effective May 1, 1982; amended May 11, 2018.)