

PRECAUTIONARY STATUS

XIII.12.A

Name of Youth: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

Reason for Protocol (describe precipitating events, conditions, or concerns)

Supervision Requirements - Precautionary Status

- Youth will be housed in a suicide-resistant room within the Assessment Management Unit, or for females, a suicide resistant room appropriate for this level.
- Youth shall be assigned a staff member who will provide constant supervision, and who will remain within five physical feet of the youth at all times.
- Youth shall be searched and relieved of any objects, materials, shoe laces, belts, etc., which may be used to facilitate suicide.
- Youth's room is to be searched prior to the youth entering the room.
- A suicide prevention mat shall be placed in the room in which the youth is placed while on Precautionary Status.
- Visual observation of the youth will occur a minimum of 6 times per hour, not to exceed 10 minutes between checks, and observations shall be recorded on the Observation Documentation Form (Attachment: VII.10.B).
- Youth shall not participate in Community Workforce when on Precautionary Status.
- Youth will be escorted by staff when not on his/her current assigned pod.
- Doors to the bathroom/shower areas will be locked at all times. Youth are to be closely observed while utilizing the bathroom/shower area.
- If a youth on Precautionary Status is confined to a room for any reason (e.g. BMI, BMI Extension, DPI, Rotating Floor Schedule, etc.), the youth shall wear a suicide smock while inside his/her room, be provided with a suicide prevention mat, and remain under constant supervision. Youth shall wear standard dress when outside of his/her room.
- The JCW Supervisor is to come and observe the youth every 2 hours, and sign the Observation Documentation Form (Attachment: VII.10.B) at the time of their observation.
- Direct care staff shall conduct a briefing between shifts reviewing all information related to youth on a Precautionary Status, including a review of the shift log and observations of the suicidal youth.
- Youth will be maintained on Precautionary Status until youth is assessed by a Qualified Mental Health Professional by close of business the next working day after being placed on the Precautionary Status.

Precautionary Measures

Incentives and Other Special Instructions

Name of Initiating Staff & Title

Signature