

5101:2-9-22 **Isolation.**

- (A) A residential facility shall isolate residents only in accordance with the facility's written policy required pursuant to rule 5101:2-5-13 of the Administrative Code, which has received the prior approval of the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS). Only one child shall be placed in an isolation room at a time. Prior approval of the isolation room by ODJFS is required and is contingent upon an inspection of the room.
- (B) A child shall not be isolated longer than thirty continuous minutes without written supervisory approval.
- (C) A child shall not be isolated for longer than one continuous hour and no longer than a total of two hours in any twenty-four hour period.
- (D) A residential facility shall ensure that isolation is used exclusively for the behavior management of a child who is out of control.
- (E) Any room used for isolation shall be lighted, well-ventilated, and maintained at a comfortable temperature. The room shall be at least fifty-six square feet in size, and shall have a ceiling height of at least seven feet, six inches and shall be free of any objects or materials which might be used to inflict self-injury.
- (F) Any room used for isolation shall not be used for visitation, counseling or group activities or discussions, recreation or private discussions between residents or staff and residents. When a child is placed in isolation, staff shall inform the child of the reason for placing him or her in isolation. Before continuing a child's isolation, staff shall discuss with the child the need for continued isolation. Upon release from isolation, staff shall again discuss with the child the reason for the use of isolation.
- (G) When isolation is used, the following procedures shall be followed:
- (1) Staff members shall ensure that a child who is placed in isolation is not in possession of any object or material which might be used to inflict self-injury and that only one child is placed in an isolation room at a time.
 - (2) Staff shall be in auditory contact with an isolated child at all times, and shall make visual observation of an isolated child every five minutes during the period of isolation.
 - (3) Visual observations as required by paragraph (G) of this rule shall be documented in an isolation log. The isolation log shall contain, at a minimum, the name of the child, the time of placement in isolation, the reason for the

placement in isolation and the discussion of the reason for isolation with the child pursuant to paragraph (F) of this rule, the chronology of observations including the signature or initials of the staff who placed the child in isolation, the written approval of the administrator or designee for continued isolation of a child for any period of isolation longer than thirty minutes and the time of removal from isolation.

(H) No child under the age of six shall be isolated for purposes of behavior management.

(I) Any restraint techniques used to restrain a child shall be ~~those~~ previously approved by and listed in the policy of the residential facility.

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