

State Quarantine and Isolation Laws

The following table contains a summary of state laws regarding an important public health tool, authority for quarantine and isolation. In the event of a bioterrorist attack, this authority may be needed to control and contain the spread of an infectious disease agent. The Health Policy Tracking Service (HPTS) at iNETSCAN Publishing, Inc. prepared this summary for TFAH. From July to November 2004, HPTS conducted a review of state statute on quarantine and isolation authority and summarized its findings in the table below. The review did not include state policy or regulations.

The review provided information to help assess states' quarantine authority during a public health emergency scenario – involving the intentional release of an infectious agent at a hotel that is hosting a major meeting of businesspersons. The Center for Law and the Public's Health at Georgetown and Johns Hopkins Universities used the scenario to assess whether or not a state has sufficient authority to quarantine the occupants within the hotel. Forty-nine states were found to have sufficient statutory authority to quarantine hotel occupants under the scenario. This assessment is included in TFAH's report evaluating state preparedness for bioterrorism, Ready or Not? Protecting the Public's Health in the Age of Bioterrorism -- 2004 available at [www.....](http://www.fda.gov/oc/ohrt/)

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AL	County Quarantine Officers	<p>There shall be in each county having no health officer a county quarantine officer, who shall be a licensed physician and who shall be appointed by the State Committee of Public Health on the recommendation of the county board of health, whose tenure of office shall expire on the election of a county health officer; provided, that in no event shall his term of office extend more than three years from the date of his appointment; and provided further, that the State Committee of Public Health shall have power to remove a quarantine officer at any time, in its judgment, the public good requires such removal.</p> <p>The county quarantine officer shall, under the supervision and control of the state health officer and county board of health, perform all the duties in connection with the isolation, quarantine and control of cases of infectious and contagious diseases that are required of full-time county health officers.</p>	Code 1907, §750; Code 1923, §1216; Code 1940, T. 22, §162	Alabama Code Section 22-3-8

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	County Boards of Health	<p>It shall be the duty of the county boards of health in their respective counties and subject to the supervision and control of the State Board of Health:</p> <p>a. To investigate, through county health officers or quarantine officers, cases or outbreaks of any of the diseases enumerated or referred to in Section 22-11-1 and to enforce such measures for the prevention or extermination of said diseases as are authorized by law;</p> <p>b. To investigate, through county health officers or quarantine officers, all nuisances to public health and, through said officers, to take proper steps for the abatement of such nuisances.</p>	Code 1907, §703; Acts 1919, No. 658, p. 909; Code 1923, §1052; Acts 1935, No. 444, p. 926; Code 1940, T. 22, §8	Alabama Code Section 22-3-2
	State Board of Health	<p>The State Board of Health shall have authority and jurisdiction:</p> <p>a. To adopt and promulgate rules and regulations providing proper methods and details for administering the health and quarantine laws of the state, which rules and regulations shall have the force and effect of law and shall be executed and enforced by the same courts, bodies, officials, agents and employees as in the case of health laws, and a quorum, as provided for by the constitution of the medical association of the State of Alabama, shall be competent to act.</p> <p>b. To exercise supervision and control over county boards of health and over county health officers and county quarantine officers in the enforcement of the public health laws of the state in their respective counties, and whenever any such county board of health, county health officer or county quarantine officer shall fail or refuse to discharge its or his duties, said duties may be discharged by the State Board of Health until proper arrangements are made to insure their discharge by said county board of health or said county health officer or said county quarantine officer, as the case may be.</p>	Code 1907, §702; Acts 1919, No. 658, p. 909; Code 1923, §1051; Acts 1927, No. 640, p. 774; Code 1940, T. 22, §7; Acts 1965, No. 796, p. 1496, §2.	Alabama Code Section 22-2-2
	Governor	The Governor, whenever he deems it necessary, or the State Board of Health, shall proclaim quarantine, and when proclaimed, said Board of Health shall enforce such quarantine under such regulations as may, from time to time, be prescribed.	Code 1907, §738; Code 1923, §1204; Code 1940, T. 22, §144; Acts 1981, No. 81-439, p. 757, §15	Alabama Code Section 22-12-4
AK	Governor	In addition to any other powers conferred upon the governor by law, the governor may, under AS 26.23.010 - 26.23.220, the governor may control ingress to and egress from a disaster area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises in it.	Not available	AK Statutes. Sec. 26.23.020

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	State Medical Officer	<p>The provision on methods of control of communicable diseases outlined in the Control of Communicable Diseases Manual, Sixteenth Edition 1995, American Public Health Association, as revised from time to time, are adopted by reference as the regulations governing "Preventive measures," "Control of patients, contacts and the immediate environment," and "Epidemic measures."</p> <p>A state medical officer, through the Department of Law, may request the court to issue an order for the emergency detention of a person when the state medical officer finds that a substantial likelihood exists that the person has infectious tuberculosis in order to prevent the person from posing a threat to the public health. Upon issuance of an ex parte court order, a peace officer or a state medical officer shall take the person into custody and deliver the person to the nearest available health care facility or another location that will provide for the protection of the public health. The state medical officer, through the Department of Law, shall make application for a court order authorizing continued detention of the person within 72 hours after the issuance of an ex parte order or, if the 72-hour period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, by the end of the first state working day following the Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. The court shall schedule a hearing within five state working days after receipt of an application for authorization of continued detention.</p>	History: Eff. 6/10/62, Register 6; am 8/21/74, Register 51; am 3/28/84, Register 89; am 1/19/96, Register 137; am 2/10/99 Register 149	7 AAC 27.010. AK Statutes. Sec. 18.15.137
AZ	State Tuberculosis Control Officer	<p>A. The State Tuberculosis Control Officer, or a deputized qualified employee of the Department or other governmental health agency, may issue or revoke an Order of Isolation and Quarantine.</p> <p>B. Orders of Isolation and Quarantine pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-714 shall be issued for a period not to exceed 30 days.</p> <p>C. All persons deputized to issue an Order of Isolation and Quarantine shall send written notice to the State Tuberculosis Control Officer of the issuance of an Order of Isolation and Quarantine within five working days of such issuance. The notice shall include the description of the person quarantined, the basis upon which it is believed or suspected that such person is afflicted with contagious tuberculosis disease and shall include a copy of the issued Order of Isolation and Quarantine.</p> <p>D. The local health agency shall be responsible for serving Orders of Isolation and Quarantine.</p>	Historical Note Adopted effective January 28, 1987 (Supp. 87-1). Former Section R9-6-602 renumbered to R9-6-202, new Section R9-6-601 adopted effective October 19, 1993 (Supp. 93-4).	AZ Adm. Code R9-6-602

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	County Health Department or Public Health District	When a county health department or public health services district is apprised that infectious or contagious disease exists within its jurisdiction, it shall immediately make an investigation. If the investigation discloses that the disease does exist, the county health department or public health services district may adopt quarantine and sanitary measures consistent with department rules and sections 36-788 and 36-789 to prevent the spread of the disease. The county health department or public health services district shall immediately notify the department of health services of the existence and nature of the disease and measures taken concerning it.	Not available	AZ Statutes Sec. 36-624
	State Health Director	The director shall Determine when a health care emergency or medical emergency situation exists or occurs within the state that cannot be satisfactorily controlled, corrected or treated by the health care delivery systems and facilities available. When such situation is determined to exist, the director shall immediately report such situation to the legislature and the governor. Such report shall include information on the scope of the emergency, recommendations for solution of the emergency and estimates of costs involved. Note: State law specifically addresses quarantine authority for certain communicable diseases, but does not address quarantine authority in general.	Not available	Arizona Revised Statutes Section 36-104
AR	Private Physician	It shall be the duty of the attending physician, immediately upon discovering a disease requiring isolation, to cause the patient to be isolated pending official action by the Director. Such physician also shall advise other members of the household regarding precautions to be taken to prevent further spread of the disease, and shall inform them as to appropriate, specific, preventive measures. He shall, in addition, furnish the patient's attendant with such detailed instructions regarding the disinfection and disposal of infective secretions and excretions as may be prescribed by the Director of the Arkansas Department of Health.	Not available	Arizona Revised Statutes Section 36-104
	City Health Officer	Each city health officer shall perform such duties as may be required by the city council and ordinances of city physicians, such duties as may be required of him by general law and city ordinances with regard to the general health and sanitation of towns and cities, and such duties as shall be legally required of him by the mayor, council, or the ordinances of his city or town. He shall be required to aid and assist the State Board of Health in all matters of quarantine, vital and mortuary statistics, inspection, disease prevention and suppression, and sanitation within his jurisdiction.	Acts 1913, No. 96, §§ 15-20; C. & M. Dig., §§ 5155-5160; Pope's Dig., §§ 6434-6439; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 82-205 - 82-210.	Arkansas Code Section 14-262-103

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	City Board of Health	The city council shall have the power to establish a board of health. The board shall have jurisdiction for one (1) mile beyond the city limits, and for quarantine purposes, in cases of epidemic, five (5) miles.	Acts 1875, No. 1, § 6, p. 1; 1913, No. 96, § 14; C. & M. Dig., §§ 5154, 7593; Pope's Dig., §§ 6433, 9679; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 82-203, 82-204.	Arkansas Code Section 14-262-102
	County and District Health Departments	Each county and district health department shall have and exercise, in addition to all other powers and duties imposed upon it by law, the following powers and duties: To establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine, and, in pursuance thereof and for this purpose only, to exercise such physical control over property and over the persons of the people within the jurisdiction of the department as the department may find necessary for the protection of the public health.	Acts 1949, No. 186, § 7; 1979, No. 601, § 1; A.S.A. 1947, §§ 82-220, 82-220.1.	Arkansas Code Section 14-262-109
	Director of the Department of Health	<p>A. The Director shall impose such quarantine restrictions and regulations upon commerce and travel by railway, common carriers, or any other means, and upon all individuals as in his judgment may be necessary to prevent the introduction of communicable disease into the State, or from one place to another within the State.</p> <p>B. No quarantine regulations of commerce or travel shall be instituted or operated by any place, city, town or county against another place or county in this or in any other State except by authority of the Director.</p> <p>C. No person shall interfere with any health authority having jurisdiction, or carry or remove from one building to another, or from one locality to another within or without the State, any patient affected with a communicable disease dangerous to the public health except as provided under the rules governing the transportation of same.</p> <p>The Director of the Department of Health shall have: (1) Power and authority to prevent the proliferation of infections, contagious, and communicable diseases resulting from unsanitary food service operations; and (2) Direction and control over all sanitary and quarantine measures for dealing with all such diseases within the state and to suppress the diseases and prevent their spread.</p>	<p>Effective June 20, 2002</p> <p>Acts 1977, No. 357, § 6; A.S.A. 1947, § 82-997.4.</p>	<p>Arkansas State Board of Health Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Communicable Disease</p> <p>Arkansas Code Section 20-57-203</p>

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CA	Local Health Officer	Quarantine is defined as the limitation of freedom of movement of persons or animals that have been exposed to a communicable disease for a period of time equal to the longest usual incubation period of the disease, in such manner as to prevent effective contact with those not so exposed. If the disease is one requiring quarantine of the contacts in addition to isolation of the case, the local health officer shall determine the contacts who are subject to quarantine, specify the place to which they shall be quarantined, and issue instructions accordingly. He shall insure that provisions are made for the medical observation of such contacts as frequently as necessary during the quarantine period.	Not available	California Code of Regulations, Title 17 Public Health, Division 1, Chapter 4, Subchapter 1, Article 2, Section 2520
	Department of Health Services	The department may quarantine, isolate, inspect, and disinfect persons, animals, houses, rooms, other property, places, cities, or localities, whenever in its judgment the action is necessary to protect or preserve the public health.	Not available	California Codes, Health and Safety Code, Section 20145.
CO	County and District Health Departments	Each county and district health department has, in addition to all other powers and duties imposed upon it by law, the following powers and duties: To establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine, and in pursuance thereof, and for this purpose only, to exercise such physical control over property and over the persons of the people within the jurisdiction of the department as the department may find necessary for the protection of the public health.	p. 489, § 6. CSA: C. 78, § 25(10). CRS 53: § 66-2-6. C.R.S. 1963	The Colorado Statutes, Section 25-1-506
	Regional Health Department	Each regional health department has, in addition to any other duties imposed upon it by law, the following duties: To establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine and, in pursuance thereof and for this purpose only, to exercise such physical control over property and over the persons of the people within the jurisdiction of the department as the department may find necessary for the protection of the public health;	L. 71: p. 660, § 1. C.R.S. 1963	The Colorado Statutes, Section 25-1-708
CT	Town, City or Borough Director of Health	Any town, city or borough Director of Health may order any person into confinement whom he has reasonable grounds to believe to be infected with any communicable disease and any person who intentionally or unintentionally harbors in or on the body amounts of radioactive material sufficient to constitute a radiation hazard to others and who is unable or unwilling to conduct himself in such manner as to not expose other persons to danger of infection or irradiation whenever such director determines such person poses a substantial threat to the public health and such action is necessary to protect or preserve the public health.	7/1/1995	The Connecticut Public Health Code, Section 19a-221(b)

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	Local Health Officer	The local director of health, in instituting measures for the control of reportable diseases: Removal shall have the authority to set up proper isolation or quarantine of an affected person or persons, carrier or contact, when, in his opinion or in the opinion of the state commissioner of health, this is not or cannot be effectively maintained on the premises occupied by such person or persons by methods designated in this part; to remove or require the removal of such person or persons to a hospital or other proper place designated by him; or to employ such guards or officers as may be necessary to maintain effective isolation or quarantine.	Effective October 25, 1989	The Connecticut Public Health Code, Section 19a-36-A8
DE	Public Health Authority	To prevent the spread of contagious or possibly contagious disease, the public health authority may isolate or quarantine, subject to § 3136 of this title, persons who are unable or unwilling for reasons of health, religion or conscience to undergo specimen collection or testing pursuant to this section.	Not available	Delaware Code : TITLE 20 Military and Civil Defense : PART II Civil Defense : CHAPTER 31. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT : Subchapter V. Public Health Emergencies : § 3138. Collection of laboratory specimens; performance of tests during public health emergency.
	Director of the Division of Public Health	<p>The Director of the Division of Public Health or the Director's designee may at any time declare certain diseases to be communicable and may by regulation lay down the procedure which is to be followed by the patient or person suffering therefrom, the parents of the patient, the householder, by the physician attending on the patient or any individual brought into contact with or responsible for the care or maintenance of the patient in order that the transference of the disease to other individual or individuals may be prevented. The regulation respecting the communicable diseases shall provide for:</p> <p>(1) Quarantine or isolation of the patient, of any person or persons who have been exposed to the patient and therefore liable to have contracted the disease or of any carrier of the disease;</p> <p>(2) Placarding by a suitable sign intended to be recognizable by the public, the premises, house, tenement or room in which the person ill of or exposed to the disease, may be;</p> <p>(3) Any other matter relating to the care of and due to the illness of the patient from such a communicable disease</p>	16 Del. Laws, c. 345, § 18; 22 Del. Laws, c. 328, § 4; Code 1915, § 757; 33 Del. Laws, c. 57, § 4; 34 Del. Laws, c. 69, § 1; 37 Del. Laws, c. 60, § 2; Code 1935, § 752; 43 Del. Laws, c. 91, § 1; 16 Del. C. 1953, § 505; 70 Del. Laws, c. 147, § 6; 70 Del. Laws, c. 186, § 1; 73 Del. Laws, c. 355, § 8.	Delaware Code : TITLE 16 Health and Safety : PART II Regulatory Provisions Concerning Public Health : CHAPTER 5. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES GENERALLY : Subchapter I. General Guidelines : § 505. Communicable diseases; regulations; quarantine.

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		<p>while the patient is living and ill from the disease or to the disposal of his body when dead;</p> <p>(4) Removal of the patient from and the patient's return to school; and</p> <p>(5) Any other matter or procedure of interest in the protection of the public.</p>		
FL	Department of Health	It is the duty of the Department of Health to: Declare, enforce, modify, and abolish quarantine of persons, animals, and premises as the circumstances indicate for controlling communicable diseases or providing protection from unsafe conditions that pose a threat to public health, except as provided in ss. 384.28 and 392.545-392.60.	s. 3, ch. 91-297; s. 13, ch. 93-53; s. 29, ch. 97-101; s. 2, ch. 98-151; s. 94, ch. 98-200; s. 6, ch. 2000-367.	Florida Statutes, Section 381.0011
	State Health Officer	<p>The State Health Officer, upon declaration of a public health emergency, may take actions that are necessary to protect the public health. Such actions include, but are not limited to ordering an individual to be examined, tested, vaccinated, treated, or quarantined for communicable diseases that have significant morbidity or mortality and present a severe danger to public health. Individuals who are unable or unwilling to be examined, tested, vaccinated, or treated for reasons of health, religion, or conscience may be subjected to quarantine.</p> <p>a. Examination, testing, vaccination, or treatment may be performed by any qualified person authorized by the State Health Officer.</p> <p>b. If the individual poses a danger to the public health, the State Health Officer may subject the individual to quarantine. If there is no practical method to quarantine the individual, the State Health Officer may use any means necessary to vaccinate or treat the individual.</p>	s. 16, ch. 96-403; s. 63, ch. 97-100; s. 2, ch. 2002-269.	The Florida Statutes Section 381.00315(1)(b) (4)
GA	County Board of Health and Wellness	The county board of health and wellness shall have supervision over all matters relating to health and sanitation within the county, with authority to declare and enforce quarantine therein subject to the provisions of law. This Code section shall apply only to those counties of this state having a population of 550,000 or more according to the United States decennial census of 1980 or any future such census.	12/3/01	Georgia Code, Section 31-3-2.1.

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	Department of Human Resources	The Department of Human Resources is created and established to safeguard and promote the health of the people of this state and is empowered to employ all legal means appropriate to that end. Illustrating, without limiting, the foregoing grant of authority, the department is empowered to isolate and treat persons afflicted with a communicable disease who are either unable or unwilling to observe the department's rules and regulations for the suppression of such disease and to establish, to that end, complete or modified quarantine, surveillance, or isolation of persons and animals exposed to a disease communicable to man.	12/3/2001	Georgia Code, Section 31-2-1
HI	Department of Health	The Department of Health shall have authority in matters of quarantine and other health matters and may declare and enforce quarantine when none exists and modify or release quarantine when it is established. <u>Effective Date:</u> L 1937, c 122, pt of §2; RL 1945, §2007; RL 1955, §46-8; am L Sp 1959 2d, c 1, §19; HRS §321-1; am L 1984, c 173, §1; am L 1985, c 271, §4; am L 1989, c 211, §10; am L 1990, c 281, §11; am L 1991, c 158, §1; am L 1996, c 167, §2; am L 1999, c 192, §3	See "Provisions"	Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 321-1
	Governor	The governor, in the event of a civil defense emergency period, may exercise the following additional powers pertaining to civil defense: Provide for and require the quarantine or segregation of persons who are affected with any infectious, communicable, or other disease dangerous to the public health and safety, or persons who are the source of other contamination, in any case where in the governor's opinion the existing laws are not adequate to assure the public health and safety; provide for the care and treatment of the persons; supplement the provisions of sections 325-32 to 325-37 concerning compulsory immunization of persons against disease and institute additional compulsory immunization programs; provide for the isolation or closing of property which is a source of contamination or is in a dangerous condition in any case where, in the governor's opinion, the existing laws are not adequate to assure the public health and safety, and designate as public nuisances acts, practices, conduct, or conditions which are dangerous to the public health or safety or to property; authorize that public nuisances be summarily abated.	L 1951, c 268, pt of §2; RL 1955, §359-8; HRS §128-8; am L 1977, c 191, §2; am L 1983, c 124, §15; gen ch 1985; am L 1986, c 339, §4	Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 128-8
ID	Municipal Corporations	Cities may establish a board of health and prescribe its powers and duties; pass all ordinances and make all regulations necessary to preserve the public health; prevent the introduction of contagious diseases into the city; make quarantine laws for that purpose and enforce the same within five (5) miles of the city.	Not available	Idaho Statutes Section 50-304

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	District Board of Health	The district board shall have the same authority, responsibility, powers, and duties in relation to the right of quarantine within the public health district as does the state.	Not available.	Idaho Statutes Section 39-415
	State Health Officer	The state health officer or any authorized representative of the Department is empowered whenever a case of any communicable disease occurs in any household or other place within their jurisdiction and, in their opinion, it is necessary that persons residing therein must be kept from contact with the public, to declare the house, building, apartment, or room a place of quarantine and to require that no persons will leave or enter during the period of quarantine except with specific permission of the Department or authorized representative of the Department.	11/17/1983	Idaho Administrative Code, Section 16.02.10.015
IL	Corporate Authorities	The corporate authorities in all municipalities have jurisdiction in and over all places within one-half mile of the corporate limits for the purpose of enforcing health and quarantine ordinances and regulations.	Laws 1961, p. 576.	65 ILCS 5/7-4-1
	County Boards of Health	The board of county commissioners in counties not under township organization, and the supervisor, assessor and town clerk of every town in counties under township organization, shall constitute a board of health, and on the breaking out of any dangerously communicable diseases in their county or town, or in the immediate vicinity thereof, it may make and enforce such rules and regulations tending to check the spread of the disease within the limits of the county or town as may be necessary; and for this purpose the board may quarantine any house or houses or place where any infected person may be, and cause notices of warning to be put thereon, and require the disinfection of the house or place: Provided, that nothing in this Division shall apply to any territory lying within the corporate limits of any city or village: Provided, further, that in case the board of health in any county not under township organization, or of any township in counties under township organization fails, refuses or neglects to promptly take the necessary measures to preserve the public health, or in case any such board of health refuses or neglects to carry out the rules and regulations of the Department of Public Health, that thereupon the Department may discharge such duties and collect from the county or township, as the case may be, the reasonable costs, charges and expenses incurred thereby.	P.A. 86-962	55 ILCS 5/5-20001

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	Department of Public Health	The State Department of Public Health has general supervision of the interests of the health and lives of the people of the State. It has supreme authority in matters of quarantine, and may declare and enforce quarantine when none exists, and may modify or relax quarantine when it has been established.	P.A. 91-239, eff. 1-1-00	20 ILCS 2305/2
	Local Health Authority	Quarantine of contacts to a case, a carrier, or a suspected case or carrier of a communicable disease shall immediately be established by the local health authority having jurisdiction over the area in which the contacts reside when such quarantine is required for these specific diseases: diphtheria (Section 690.380), smallpox (Section 690.650), and typhus (Section 690.740).	Amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 10701, effective July 1, 2002	IL Adm. Code TITLE 77: Public Health PART 690 Control of Communicable Diseases Code Chapter I: Department of Public Health Section 690.1000 General Procedures for the Control of Communicable Diseases
IN	State Department of Health	The Department of Health may establish quarantine and may do what is reasonable and necessary for the prevention and suppression of disease. When, in the opinion of the department a public health emergency exists the department may enforce the orders and rules of the department within the territorial jurisdiction of the local health authorities. In that situation, the department may exercise all the powers given by law to local health authorities. All expenses incurred are charges against the respective counties or cities.	P.L.2-1993, SEC.2.	IC 16-19-3-9
IA	Department of Public Health and the Local Boards of Health	The Department of Public Health and local boards of health are authorized to impose and enforce quarantine and isolation restrictions. Quarantine and isolation shall rarely be imposed by the department or by local boards of health. If a quarantinable disease occurs in Iowa, individuals with a suspected or active quarantinable disease and contacts to the case may be quarantined or isolated as the particular situation requires. Any quarantine or isolation imposed by the department or a local board of health shall be established and enforced in accordance with this rule.	Filed 1/16/04, Notice 12/10/03—published 2/4/04, effective 3/10/04	Iowa Administrative Code, Public Health Department, Section 641—1.9(2)
	State Board of Health	The state board of health shall be the policy making body for the Iowa Department of Public Health and shall have the following powers and duties to advise the department relative to communicable and infectious diseases including zoonotic diseases, quarantine and isolation, venereal diseases, antitoxins and vaccines, housing, and vital statistics.	1/22/2001	The Iowa Code 2001 Section 136.3

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KS	Mayor I	The mayor shall be active and vigilant in enforcing all laws and ordinances for the government of the city, and the mayor shall cause all subordinate officers to be dealt with promptly for any neglect or violation of duty, and the mayor shall have such jurisdiction as may be vested in the mayor by ordinance over all places within five miles of the corporate limits of the city for the enforcement of any health, quarantine, cemetery or waterworks ordinance and regulation thereof.	L. 1872, ch. 100, § 27; March 13; R.S. 1923, § 14-307.	The Kansas Statutes, Section 14-307
	Local Health Officer	<p>Duties and powers of local health officers; contagious diseases; confidentiality of information; disclosure:</p> <p>(a) Any county or joint board of health or local health officer having knowledge of any infectious or contagious disease, or of a death from such disease, within their jurisdiction, shall immediately exercise and maintain a supervision over such case or cases during their continuance, seeing that all such cases are properly cared for and that the provisions of this act as to isolation, restriction of communication, quarantine and disinfection are duly enforced. The county or joint board of health or local health officer shall communicate without delay all information as to existing conditions to the secretary of health and environment. The local health officer shall confer personally, if practicable, otherwise by letter, with the person in attendance upon the case, as to its future management and control. The county or joint board of health or local health officer is hereby empowered and authorized to prohibit public gatherings when necessary for the control of any and all infectious or contagious disease.</p> <p>(b) Any disclosure or communication of information relating to infectious or contagious diseases required to be disclosed or communicated under subsection (a) of this section shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed or made public beyond the requirements of subsection (a) of this section or subsection (a) of K.S.A. 65-118, except as otherwise permitted by subsection (c) of K.S.A. 65-118</p>	L. 1901, ch. 285, § 3; R.S. 1923, 65-119; L. 1953, ch. 283, § 2; L. 1974, ch. 352, § 8; L. 1976, ch. 262, § 2; L. 1979, ch. 189, § 2; July 1.	Kansas Statutes, Section 65-119

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	Secretary of Health and Environment	Whenever the county or joint board of health or the local health officer neglects to properly isolate and quarantine infectious or contagious diseases and persons afflicted with or exposed to such diseases as may be necessary to prevent the spread thereof, the secretary of health and environment may quarantine any area in which any of these diseases may show a tendency to become epidemic.	L. 1901, ch. 285, § 10; R.S. 1923, 65-126; L. 1953, ch. 283, § 5; L. 1974, ch. 352, § 10; L. 1976, ch. 262, § 5; July 1.	Kansas Statutes, Section 65-126
KY	City-County Boards	City-county Boards of Health shall, throughout their county, have exclusive control and operation—under state law, local ordinances and orders, Cabinet for Health Services regulations and board rules and regulations—of the enforcement of all laws and regulations affecting public health, including quarantine.	15-Jul-98	Kentucky Revised Statutes Section 212.370
	Cabinet for Health Services	When the Cabinet for Health Services believes that there is a probability that any infectious or contagious disease will invade this state, it shall take such action and adopt and enforce such rules and regulations as it deems efficient in preventing the introduction or spread of such infectious or contagious disease or diseases within this state, and to accomplish these objects shall establish and strictly maintain quarantine and isolation at such places as it deems proper.	15-Jul-98	Kentucky Revised Statutes Section 214.020
LA	Parish Health Officer	No parish health officer may establish quarantines without the approval of the state health officer, previously obtained, and the cooperation of the parish legislative body. The state health officer has supervisory power over all local quarantines so established.	Acts 1976, No. 346, § 1	LRS 40:15
	State Health Officer	<p>The state health officer and the office of public health of the Department of Health and Hospitals shall have exclusive jurisdiction, control, and authority to isolate or quarantine for the care and control of communicable disease within the state; to take such action as is necessary to accomplish the subsidence and suppression of diseases of all kinds in order to prevent their spread; to enforce a sanitary code for the entire state containing provisions for the improvement and amelioration of the hygienic and sanitary conditions of the state.</p> <p>If any parish or municipality or any portion thereof becomes infected with any disease to such an extent as to threaten the spread of the disease to the other portions of the state, the state health officer shall issue his proclamation declaring the facts and ordering the infected parish or municipality or the infected portion thereof quarantined. Further, the state health officer shall order all local health officers to quarantine against the locality; shall establish and promulgate the rules, regulations, terms and conditions on which intercourse with the infected locality will be permitted; and shall issue to the other local sanitary</p>	<p>Acts 1976, No. 346, § 1.</p> <p>Amended by Acts 1978, No. 786, § 5, eff. July 17, 1978; Acts 1979, No. 449, § 4, eff. Jan. 1, 1980; Acts 1989, No. 713, § 1; Acts 1990, No. 574, § 1; Acts 1993, No. 180, § 1, eff. May 31, 1993; Acts 1999, No. 993, § 1, eff. July 9, 1999.</p> <p>Acts 1976, No. 346, § 1.</p>	LRS 40:5 LRS 40:7

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		<p>authorities instructions as to the measures adopted in quarantining against persons, goods, or other property coming from the infected locality.</p> <p>These rules, regulations, terms and conditions shall be observed and obeyed by all health authorities. Any other of the noninfected portions of the state may, upon approval of the state health officer, add to the regulations, rules, terms and conditions already imposed by the state health officer. The state health officer may prohibit the introduction into any infected portion of the state persons acclimated, unacclimated or said to be immune, when, in his judgment, the introduction of those persons would increase the prevalence of the disease. The state health officer shall render to the local health officers all the assistance which the conditions of his finances permit.</p>		
ME	Department of Public Health	In the event of an actual or threatened epidemic or outbreak of a communicable or occupational disease, the department may declare that a health emergency exists and may adopt emergency rules for the protection of the public health relating to procedures for the isolation and placement of infected persons for purposes of care and treatment or infection control and the establishment of temporary facilities for the care and treatment of infected persons which shall be subject to the supervision and regulations of the department and to the limitations set forth in section 807.	[1989, c. 487, §11]	Title 22 Health and Welfare, Subtitle 2 Health, Part 3, Ch. 250, Section 802(2).
MD	Secretary of Health	<p>When the Secretary determines that it is medically necessary and reasonable to prevent or reduce the spread of the disease or outbreak believed to have been caused by the exposure to a deadly agent, may order an individual or group of individuals to go to and remain in places of isolation or quarantine until the Secretary determines that the individual no longer poses a substantial risk of transmitting the disease or condition to the public.</p> <p>Necessary Action. The Secretary or health officer shall: (1) Take any action or measure necessary to prevent the spread of communicable disease or to control a reportable disease and condition; and (2) Issue, when necessary, special instructions for control of a disease or condition</p>	<p>2002, ch. 1, § 1; 2003, ch. 21, § 1.</p> <p>Not Available</p>	<p>Maryland Code § 18-905</p> <p>COMAR Section 10.06.01.06</p>

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MA	Commissioner of the Department of Public Health	<p>Upon declaration by the governor that an emergency exists which is detrimental to the public health, the commissioner may, with the approval of the governor and the public health council, during such period of emergency, take such action and incur such liabilities as he may deem necessary to assure the maintenance of public health and the prevention of disease.</p> <p>The commissioner, with the approval of the public health council, may establish procedures to be followed during such emergency to insure the continuation of essential public health services and the enforcement of the same. Upon declaration by the governor that such emergency has terminated, all powers granted to and exercised by the commissioner under this section shall terminate.</p>	Not available	General Laws of Massachusetts Title II, Chapter 17, Section 2A
	Local Board of Health	Upon the report of a case or suspected case of disease declared dangerous to the public health, the local board of health and the Department of Public Health are authorized to implement and enforce the requirements outlined in 105 CMR 300.200.	Not available	105 CMR 300.200 Department of Public Health
MI	Local Health Officer	If a local health officer determines that control of an epidemic is necessary to protect the public health, the local health officer may issue an emergency order to prohibit the gathering of people for any purpose and may establish procedures to be followed by persons, including a local governmental entity, during the epidemic to insure continuation of essential public health services and enforcement of health laws. Emergency procedures shall not be limited to this code. A local health department or the department may provide for the involuntary detention and treatment of individuals with hazardous communicable disease in the manner prescribed in sections 5201 to 5238.	1978, Act 368, Eff. Sept. 30, 1978	Michigan Compiled Laws, PUBLIC HEALTH CODE Sec. 333.2453
	Physician or Other Persons	A physician or other person who attends to a case of communicable disease shall arrange for appropriate barrier precautions, treatment, or isolation if needed to prevent the spread of infection to other household members, patients, or the community. A physician or other person who seeks information on appropriate precautionary measures may request the local health officer or the department to provide the necessary information. Appropriate isolation or other barrier precautions may be instituted for a case or a suspected case of disease, infection, or other condition by the local health officer or the department as necessary to protect the public health.	History: 1993 MR 4, Eff. Apr. 29, 1993.	MI Administrative Code R 325.175

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MN	Commissioner Department of Health	<p>The commissioner may control, by rule, by requiring the taking out of licenses or permits, or by other appropriate means, any of the following matters: the treatment, in hospitals and elsewhere, of persons suffering from communicable diseases, including all manner of venereal disease and infection, the disinfection and quarantine of persons and places in case of those diseases, and the reporting of sicknesses and deaths from them.</p> <p>When necessary the commissioner may establish and enforce a system of quarantine against the introduction into the state of any plague or other communicable disease by common carriers doing business across its borders. Its members, officers, and agents may board any conveyance used by such carriers to inspect the same and, if such conveyance be found infected, may detain the same and isolate and quarantine any or all persons found thereon, with their luggage, until all danger of communication of disease therefrom is removed.</p>	<p>1987</p> <p>RLs 2133; 1977 c 305 s 45</p>	Minnesota Statutes, Section: 144.12 and 144.14
	Attending Physician	<p>Subpart 1. Isolation. The physician attending a case, suspected case, or carrier (or in the absence of a physician, the commissioner) shall make certain that isolation precautions are taken to prevent spread of disease to others.</p> <p>Subpart. 2. Report of noncompliance. Physicians shall report immediately to the commissioner the name, address, and other pertinent information for all cases, suspected cases, and carriers who refuse to comply with prescribed isolation precautions. The commissioner shall then seek injunctive relief under Minnesota Statutes, section 145.075, if the person represents a public health hazard.</p>	5/20/97	The Minnesota Rules Section 4605.74
MS	State Department of Health	The state department of health shall have the authority to investigate and control the causes of epidemic, infectious and other disease affecting the public health, including the authority to establish, maintain and enforce isolation and quarantine, and in pursuance thereof, to exercise such physical control over property and individuals as the department may find necessary for the protection of the public health.	Codes, 1906, § 2500; Hemingway's 1917, § 4849; Laws, 1930, § 4886; Laws, 1942, § 7042; Laws, 1983, ch. 522, § 4, eff from and after July 1, 1983.	The Mississippi Code § 41-23-5

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	State Board of Health	<p>The State Board of Health shall have authority: To direct and control sanitary and quarantine measures for dealing with all diseases within the state possible to suppress same and prevent their spread.</p> <p><u>Effective Dates:</u> Codes, 1892, § 2271; Laws, 1906, § 2487; 1917, § 4836; Laws, 1930, § 4873; Laws, 1942, § 7029; Laws, 1968, ch. 441, § 2, 1971, ch. 378, § 1; reenacted and amended, Laws, 1982, ch. 494, § 6; Laws, 1983, ch. 522, § 1; Laws, 1986, ch. 371, § 1; Laws, 1986, ch. 500, § 22; Laws, 1987, ch. 512, § 5; Laws, 1988, ch. 395, § 4; Laws, 1988, ch. 573; reenacted and amended, 1990, ch. 568, § 6; Laws, 1992, ch. 495, § 1. Reenacted and amended, Laws, 1994, ch. 462, § 6; reenacted and amended, 1995, ch. 363, § 6; Laws, 1995, ch. 521, § 21; Laws, 1997, ch. 523, § 2; Laws, 1998, ch. 332, § 1; reenacted without change, Laws, 2001, ch. 420, § 6, eff from and after June 30, 2001.</p>	See "Provisions"	The Mississippi Code Section 41-3-15
MO	Local Health Authority	The local health authority, the director of the Department of Health or the director's designated representative shall require isolation of a patient or animal with a communicable disease, quarantine of contacts, concurrent and terminal disinfection, or modified forms of these procedures necessary for the protection of the public health. The isolation of a patient, animal or contact shall be carried out according to the methods of control in 19 CSR 20-20.040(1).	Section 192.020, RSMo 1994. This rule was previously filed as 13 CSR 50- 101.061. Original rule filed Dec. 11, 1981, effective May 13, 1982.	19 CSR 20-20.050
	Board of Alderman	The Board of Alderman may make regulations and pass ordinances for the prevention of the introduction of contagious diseases in the city, and for the abatement of the same, and may make quarantine laws and enforce the same within five miles of the city. They may purchase or condemn and hold for the city, within or without the city limits, or within ten miles therefrom, all necessary lands for hospital purposes, waterworks, sewer carriage and outfall, and erect, establish and regulate hospitals, workhouses, poorhouses, airports and provide for the government and support of the same, and make regulations to secure the general health of the city, and to prevent and remove nuisances; except that the condemnation of any property outside of the city limits shall be regulated in all respects as the condemnation of property for railroad purposes is regulated by law. The police jurisdiction of the city shall extend over such land and property to the same extent as over other city property, as provided in this chapter.	RSMo 1939 § 7173, A.L. 1969 p. 136	Missouri Revised Statutes Section 79.380

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	City Council	The council may make regulations and pass ordinances for the prevention of the introduction of contagious diseases into the city, and for the abatement of the same, and may make quarantine laws and enforce the same within five miles of the city. The council may purchase or condemn and hold for the city, within or without the city limits, within ten miles therefrom, all necessary lands for hospital purposes, waterworks, sewer carriage and outfall, and erect, establish and regulate hospitals, workhouses, poorhouses, police stations, fire stations and provide for the government and support of the same, and make regulations to secure the general health of the city, and to prevent and remove nuisances; provided, however, that the condemnation of any property outside of the city limits shall be regulated in all respects as the condemnation of property or railroad purposes is regulated by law; and provided further, that the police jurisdiction of the city shall extend over such lands and property to the same extent as over public cemeteries, as provided in this chapter.	RSMo 1939 § 6953, A.L. 1998 H.B. 1352	Missouri Revised Statutes Section 77.530.
MT	Local Boards of Health	Local boards may quarantine persons who have communicable diseases. <u>Effective Dates:</u> En. Sec. 86, Ch. 197, L. 1967; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 216, L. 1969; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 196, L. 1971; amd. Secs. 108, 111, Ch. 349, L. 1974; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 273, L. 1975; R.C.M. 1947, 69-4509; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 709, L. 1985; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 479, L. 1991; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 324, L. 1995; amd. Sec. 88, Ch. 418, L. 1995; amd. Sec. 6, Ch. 471, L. 1995; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 137, L. 1999.	See "Provisions"	The Montana Code Section 50-2-116
	Local Health Officers	Local health officers or their authorized representatives shall establish and maintain quarantine and isolation measures as enacted by the local board of health. <u>Effective Dates:</u> En. Sec. 87, Ch. 197, L. 1967; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 196, L. 1971; amd. Sec. 56, Ch. 349, L. 1974; R.C.M. 1947, 69-4510; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 200, L. 1979; amd. Sec. 18, Ch. 708, L. 1991; amd. Sec. 8, Ch. 391, L. 2003; amd. Sec. 27, Ch. 474, L. 2003.	See "Provisions"	The Montana Code Annotated 2003, 50-2-118
	State and Local Health Officers	If found necessary or desirable to protect public health, state and local health officers or their authorized deputies or agents shall isolate or quarantine persons who refuse examination or treatment.	En. Sec. 101, Ch. 197, L. 1967; R.C.M. 1947, 69-4605; amd. Sec. 6, Ch. 440, L. 1989	The Montana Code Section 50-18-107
	Department of Health	The department may adopt and enforce quarantine measures against a state, county, or municipality to prevent the spread of communicable disease. A person who does not comply with quarantine measures shall, on conviction, be fined not less than \$10 or more than \$100. Receipts from fines, except justice's court fines, shall be	En. Sec. 12, Ch. 197, L. 1967; amd. Sec. 33, Ch. 349, L. 1974; R.C.M. 1947,	The Montana Code Section 50-1-204

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		deposited in the state general fund.	69-4112; amd. Sec. 33, Ch. 557, L. 1987.	
NE	Mayor	The mayor shall be the chief executive officer and conservator of the peace throughout the city. He shall have such jurisdiction as may be vested in him by ordinance over all places within three miles of the corporate limits of the city, for the enforcement of any health and quarantine ordinance or the regulations thereof.	1921, c. 116, art. II, § 18, p. 430; C.S.1922, § 3544; C.S.1929, § 14-219; R.S.1943, § 14-219; Laws 1976, LB 782, § 10.	The Nebraska Statutes Section 14-219
	Local Public Health Department and the County Board	The county boards of the counties shall make and enforce regulations to prevent the introduction and spread of contagious, infectious, and malignant diseases in their respective counties. To that end a board of health shall be created, consisting of three members: The sheriff, who shall be chairperson and quarantine officer; a physician who resides permanently in the county, but if the county has no resident physician, then one conveniently situated, who shall be medical adviser, and who shall be chosen by the board of county commissioners or supervisors; and the county clerk, who shall be secretary. <u>Effective Dates:</u> Laws 1901, c. 49, § 1, p. 403; Laws 1903, c. 62, § 1, p. 358; Laws 1911, c. 79, § 1, p. 328; Laws 1919, c. 55, § 1, p. 159; Laws 1919, c. 190, tit. VI, art. II, div. VIII, § 1, p. 779; Laws 1921, c. 71, § 1, p. 270; C.S.1922, § 8222; C.S.1929, § 71-2301; R.S.1943, § 71-501; Laws 1951, c. 228, § 1, p. 829;+D65 Laws 1971, LB 43, § 1; Laws 1996, LB 1044, § 486; Laws 1997, LB 197, § 2; Laws 1999, LB 272, § 23.	See "Provisions"	The Nebraska Statutes Section 71-501
	Department of Health and Human Services	The Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure shall have general supervision and control over matters relating to public health and sanitation and shall provide for examination as provided in section 81-602 and have supervision over all matters of quarantine and quarantine regulations. <u>Effective Dates:</u> 1919, c. 190, tit. VI, art. I, § 1, p. 750; C.S.1922, § 8159; C.S.1929, § 81-5601; Laws 1933, c. 149, § 5, p. 575; Laws 1941, c. 141, § 8, p. 560; C.S.Supp.,1941, § 81-927; C.S.Supp.,1941, § 81-5601; S.1943, § 81-601; Laws 1996, LB 1044, § 840.	Operative date January 1, 1997	The Nebraska Statutes Section 81-601
NV	Health Authority	A health authority may: (a) Enter private property at reasonable hours to investigate any case or suspected case of a communicable disease. (b) Order any person whom he reasonably suspects has a communicable disease in an infectious state to submit to any medical examination or test which he believes is	Added to NRS by 1989, 295; A 2003, 2206.	NRS 441A.160

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	County Board of Health	necessary to verify the presence of the disease. The order must be in writing and specify the name of the person to be examined and the time and place of the examination and testing, and may include such terms and conditions as the health authority believes are necessary to protect the public health.		
		(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5 and NRS 441A.210, issue an order requiring the isolation, quarantine or treatment of any person or group of persons if he believes that such action is necessary to protect the public health.		
		The county board of health may: 1. Abate nuisances in accordance with law. 2. Establish and maintain an isolation hospital or quarantine station when necessary. 3. Restrain, quarantine and disinfect any person sick with or exposed to any contagious or infectious disease that is dangerous to the public health. 4. Appoint quarantine officers when necessary to enforce a quarantine, shall provide whatever medicines, disinfectants and provisions which may be required, and shall arrange for the payment of all debts or charges so incurred from any funds available, but each patient shall, if he is able, pay for his food, medicine, clothes and medical attendance.	Part 28:199:1911; added 1919, 221; 1919 RL p. 2891; NCL § 5262]—(NRS A 1973, 1137; 1997, 1616, 3173; 1999, 649)	NRS 439.360
		Note: Most of the city charters contain a provision giving the city council the authority to establish rules on quarantine within their jurisdiction.		
NH	Health Officers	Health officers shall: I. Assist the commissioner, when requested to do so, in the establishment and maintenance of isolation and quarantine in their respective cities and towns, and enforce all rules adopted by the commissioner relative to isolation and quarantine. II. Attend meetings with the commissioner, when requested, for consultation on matters relating to public health, the restriction and prevention of communicable diseases, or the consideration of other important sanitary matters related to preventing or controlling the spread of communicable diseases.	1986, 198:21. 1995, 310:183, eff. Nov. 1, 1995.	The New Hampshire Revised Statutes, Section 141-C:5

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	Commissioner of Public Health	<p>The commissioner shall:</p> <p>I. Identify communicable diseases to be reported to the department under RSA 141-C:8.</p> <p>II. Investigate outbreaks of communicable diseases under RSA 141-C:9.</p> <p>III. Establish, maintain, and suspend isolation and quarantine to prevent the spread of communicable diseases under RSA 141-C:11.</p> <p>IV. Order persons who pose a threat to the life and health of the public to receive such treatment and care as necessary to eliminate the threat under RSA 141-C:15.</p>	1986, 198:21. 1990, 61:1. 1991, 3:1. 1995, 310:175, 183, eff. Nov. 1, 1995.	The New Hampshire Revised Statutes, Section 141-C:4
NJ	State Department of Health and Local Boards of Health	In order to prevent the spread of disease, the state department of health, and the local boards of health within their respective jurisdictions and subject to the state sanitary code, shall have power to maintain and enforce proper and sufficient quarantine, wherever deemed necessary.	Amended by L.1953, c. 26, p. 472, s. 35.	The New Jersey Permanent Statutes, Section 26:4-2
	Secretary of Health	The secretary of health may isolate or quarantine a person as necessary during a public health emergency, using the procedures set forth in the Public Health Emergency Response Act.	NMSA 12-10A-1 to 12-10A-19, 1978	New Mexico Statutes Section 12-10A-8
NM	Department of Health	The Department of Health has authority to establish, maintain and enforce isolation and quarantine. The department of health may establish or require isolation or quarantine of any animal, person, institution, community or region.	953 Comp., § 12-34-3, enacted by Laws 1973, ch. 359, § 3; 1975, ch. 183, § 2; 2001, ch. 119, § 2.1; 7.4.3.9 NMAC - Rp, 7 NMAC 4.3.9, 8/15/2003]	New Mexico Statutes Section 24-1-3; NMAC 7.4.3.9
NY	Local Boards of Health	Every local board of health and every health officer may provide for care and isolation of cases of communicable disease in a hospital or elsewhere when necessary for protection of the public health and, subject to the provisions of the sanitary code, prohibit and prevent all intercourse and communication with or use of infected premises, places and things, and require, and if necessary, provide the means for the thorough purification and cleansing of the same before general intercourse with the same or use thereof shall be allowed.	Not available	New York State Consolidated Laws, Chapter 45, Article 21, Title I, Section 2100
NC	State Health Director and Local Health Director	The State Health Director and a local health director are empowered to exercise quarantine and isolation authority.	1957, c. 1357, s. 1; 1983, c. 891, s. 2; 1987, c. 782, s. 15; 2002-179, s. 5.	North Carolina General Statutes § 130A-145.

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	Local Health Director	A local health director shall have the powers and duties to exercise quarantine authority and isolation authority pursuant to G.S. 130A-145. "Local health director" means the administrative head of a local health department appointed pursuant to this Chapter.	1957, c. 1357, s. 1; 1973, c. 476, s. 128; 1983, c. 891, s. 2; 1985, c. 175, s. 2; 1999-110, s. 1.	North Carolina General Statutes § 130A-41.
	Public Health Authority Director	An authority health director shall have the powers and duties to exercise quarantine authority and isolation authority pursuant to G.S. 130A-145.	1997-502, s. 1 and 1997-502, s. 1.	North Carolina General Statutes § 130A-45.5 and § 130A-45.6.
ND	State Health Officer or Local Health Officer	The state health officer or any local health officer may order any person or group into confinement by a written directive if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the person or group is infected with any communicable disease, the state health officer or local health officer determines that the person or group poses a substantial threat to the public health, and confinement is necessary and is the least restrictive alternative to protect or preserve the public health.	Not available	The North Dakota Century Code Section 23-07.6-02.
	Local Board of Health	Whenever a local board of health knows that a case of a contagious or infectious disease exists within its jurisdiction, the board immediately shall examine the facts of the case and may adopt such quarantine and sanitary measures as in its judgment tend to prevent the spread of such disease. The board immediately may cause any person infected with such disease to be removed to a separate house if, in the opinion of the health officer, such person can be removed without danger to that person's health. If the infected person cannot be removed without danger to that person's health, the local board shall make such quarantine regulations as it deems proper with reference to the house within which such infected person is, and may cause the persons in the neighborhood to be removed, and may take such other measures as it deems necessary for the safety of the inhabitants within its jurisdiction. Quarantine measures adopted under this section must be in compliance with chapter 23-07.6.	Not available	The North Dakota Century Code, Section 23-07-06.
	Local Health Officer	Within the jurisdiction of the board of health, a local health officer May determine when quarantine and disinfection is necessary for the safety of the public. The local health officer may establish quarantines consistent with procedures provided under chapter 23-07.6 and perform any acts required for disinfection when necessary.	Not available	The North Dakota Century Code, Section 23-35-12.

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OH	Board of Health	<p>In time of epidemic or threatened epidemic, or when a dangerous communicable disease is unusually prevalent, the board of health of a city or general health district, after a personal investigation by its members or executive officer to establish the facts in the case, and not otherwise, may impose a quarantine on vessels, railroads, or other public or private vehicles conveying persons, baggage, or freight, or used for such purpose. The board may make and enforce such rules and regulations as are wise and necessary for the protection of the health of the people of the community or state, but the running of any train or car on any steam or electric railroad, or of steamboats, vessels, or other public conveyances shall not be prohibited.</p> <p>A true copy of such quarantine rules and regulations shall be immediately furnished by such board to the department of health, and thereafter no change shall be made except by the order of the department or the board to meet a new and sudden emergency.</p>	Revised Statutes Bates § 1536-724; 96 v 80, § 188; GC § 4425; Bureau of Code Revision. Eff 10-1-53.	The Ohio Revised Code § 3707.04 Quarantine regulations.
	Board of Health	The board of health of a city or general health district may employ as many persons as are necessary to execute its orders and properly guard any house or place containing any person affected with or exposed to a communicable disease declared quarantinable by the board or the department of health. The persons employed shall be sworn in as quarantine guards, shall have police powers, and may use all necessary means to enforce sections 3707.01 to 3707.53, inclusive, of the Revised Code, for the prevention of contagious or infectious disease, or the orders of any board made in pursuance thereof.	RS § 2126; Bates § 1536-739; 66 v 202, § 313; 95 v 427; GC § 4431; Bureau of Code Revision. Eff 10-1-53.	The Ohio Revised Code § 3707.09 Board may employ quarantine guards.
	Municipal Corporations	A municipal corporation may establish a quarantine hospital within or without its limits. If without its limits, the consent of the municipal corporation or township within which it is proposed to establish such hospital shall first be obtained, but such consent shall not be necessary if the hospital is more than eight hundred feet from any occupied house or public highway. When great emergency exists, the board of health of a city or general health district may seize, occupy, and temporarily use for a quarantine hospital a suitable vacant house or building within its jurisdiction. The board of a district within which is located a municipal corporation having a quarantine hospital shall have exclusive control of such hospital.	RS § 2130; Bates § 1536-743; S&S 829; 66 v 203, § 317; 90 v 91; 95 v 430; GC § 4456; Bureau of Code Revision. Eff 10-1-53.	The Ohio Revised Code § 3707.31 Establishment of quarantine hospital.

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	Department of Health	<p>The Department of Health shall have supervision of all matters relating to the preservation of the life and health of the people and have supreme authority in matters of quarantine, which it may declare and enforce, when none exists, and modify, relax, or abolish, when it has been established. It may approve means of immunization against poliomyelitis, rubella, diphtheria, rubella (German measles), pertussis, tetanus, and hepatitis B for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 3313.671 [3313.67.1] of the Revised Code. It may make special or standing orders or rules for preventing the use of fluoroscopes for nonmedical purposes which emit doses of radiation likely to be harmful to any person, for preventing the spread of contagious or infectious diseases, for governing the receipt and conveyance of remains of deceased persons, and for such other sanitary matters as are best controlled by a general rule.</p> <p>The Department may make and enforce orders in local matters when an emergency exists, or when the board of health of a general or city health district has neglected or refused to act with sufficient promptness or efficiency, or when such board has not been established as provided by sections 3709.02, 3709.03, 3709.05, 3709.06, 3709.11, 3709.12, and 3709.14 of the Revised Code. In such cases the necessary expense incurred shall be paid by the general health district or city for which the services are rendered. The department may make evaluative studies of the nutritional status of Ohio residents, and of the food and nutrition-related programs operating within the state. Every agency of the state, at the request of the department, shall provide information and otherwise assist in the execution of such studies.</p>	GC § 1237; 99 v 493, § 6; Bureau of Code Revision, 10-1-53; 127 v 635; 128 v 707 (Eff 7-7-59); 133 v S 60 (Eff 8-11-69); 133 v S 300 (Eff 11-6-69); 137 v H 234 (Eff 10-25-78); 138 v H 965 (Eff 4-9-81); 143 v H 764 (Eff 4-10-91); 147 v S 153. Eff 9-30-98.	The Ohio Revised Code § 3701.13 Powers of departments.
OK	Local Health Officer	Whenever a local health officer determines or suspects that a person has a communicable disease, he may impose a quarantine on the place or premises where such person usually stays, and notice thereof shall be given in accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health; and it shall be unlawful for such person, or any other person, to violate the terms or conditions of the quarantine. Every person who having been lawfully ordered by any health officer to be detained in quarantine and not having been discharged leaves the quarantine grounds or willfully violates any quarantine law or regulation, is guilty of a misdemeanor.	Laws 1963, c. 325, art. 5, § 504.	The Oklahoma Statutes §63-1-504. Quarantine.

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	State Board of Health	<p>(a) The State Board of Health shall have authority to adopt such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with law, as it deems necessary to aid in the prevention and control of communicable disease, which may be on the following matters: Recommended immunization procedures; quarantine measures; exclusion of children from school; regulation of public meetings and gatherings in epidemic situations; regulation of vectors; control of vehicles capable of transmitting a communicable disease; detection and diagnosis of communicable disease; carriers of disease; disposal of infected body wastes and other materials; fumigation, cleaning and sterilization, and disinfection; and other necessary measures to prevent and control communicable disease.</p> <p>(b) The State Board of Health is authorized to establish preventive programs for noncommunicable diseases and to promulgate rules and regulations for the control of causative or toxic substances which can or may cause disease.</p>	Laws 1963 C. 325, Art. 5, Sec. 502.	The Oklahoma Statutes §63-1-502. Rules and regulations.
OR	Director or Local Health Officer	<p>When compliance with a necessary control measure is not voluntarily obtained or where noncompliance is imminently threatened, the assistant director or any local public health administrator, in the manner described in ORS 433.019 and 433.022, may impose a public health measure on a person or property in order to prevent the spread of or exposure to a disease or a contaminant that is a threat to the public.</p> <p>Nothing in this section or in ORS 433.019 or 433.022 prohibits excluding any person from any occupation or from attendance in any school or facility as is otherwise authorized by law.</p>	1973 c.259 s.9 (enacted in lieu of 433.105); 1987 c.600 s.9]	Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 433.106
PA	Local Health Officer	When the isolation of an individual ill with any communicable disease, or the quarantine of susceptible contacts, is required by the provisions of Subchapter E (relating to procedure for treating each reportable disease), the local health officer shall cause the isolation or quarantine to be done promptly following receipt of the report.	Amended through January 12, 1979, effective January 13, 1979, 9 Pa.B. 149, unless otherwise noted.	The Pennsylvania Code, § 27.61. Prompt isolation.
RI	State Director of Health	If the state director of health, or his or her duly authorized agent, determines, upon investigation, that a threat to the public health exists because any person is suffering, or appears to be suffering, from a communicable disease, the director or his or her authorized agent may cause that person to be confined, in some proper place, for the purpose of isolation or quarantine, until the threat to the public health has abated.	Not available	The General Laws Of Rhode Island, § 23-8-4 Quarantine

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	Governor	The power to establish quarantine in this state shall also be vested in the governor; and whenever the governor shall deem it advisable for the preservation of public health and the prevention of the spread of infectious diseases, he or she may, by proclamation, place under quarantine the whole state or that portion of the state that he or she may deem necessary, and he or she shall authorize and empower the state director of health to take any action and make and enforce any rules and regulations that may be deemed necessary to prevent the introduction and to restrict the spread of infectious diseases in the state.	Not available	The General Laws of Rhode Island § 23-8-18 Proclamation of general quarantine.
	State Director of Health	Nothing in §§ 23-8-18 – 23-8-20 shall be construed to impair the validity of any rules and regulations made and in force under the provisions of §§ 23-9-1 – 23-9-11, nor to abridge the powers of any officer mentioned in §§ 23-9-1 – 23-9-11; and every officer shall also have power, within the city or town for which he or she was appointed, to enforce, during the period that any proclamation made by the governor for the purpose of establishing quarantine shall be in force, all rules and regulations made by the state director of health; and it shall be the duty of the several city and town councils to require those officers to enforce the rules and regulations mentioned and referred to in this section within their respective cities and towns; provided, that the director of health, during the period when any proclamation of quarantine shall be in force, shall have power at any time, and from time to time, to suspend any of the rules and regulations mentioned and referred to in this section, and to make and establish rules and regulations in substitution for them and in addition to them, respecting quarantine in any city or town, and that any person knowingly violating any of those rules and regulations so made and established shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or be imprisoned not more than two (2) years; and provided, further, that any and all powers and duties in this chapter conferred and imposed upon any officer or city or town council shall, during any quarantine period, be exercised and performed by that officer or city or town council subject to the orders and directions of the director of health.	Not available	The General Laws of Rhode Island, § 23-8-21 Ship quarantine powers preserved – Local enforcement of quarantine – Rules and regulations – Penalty.
SC	Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)	During a public health emergency, DHEC may isolate or quarantine an individual or groups of individuals. This includes individuals or groups who have not been vaccinated, treated, tested, or examined pursuant to Sections 44-4-510 and 44-4-520. DHEC may also establish and maintain places of isolation and quarantine, and set rules and make orders.	Not available	South Carolina Code of Laws SECTION 44-4-530

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	Board of Health and Environmental Control	<p>The Board of Health and Environmental Control or its designated agents shall investigate the reported causes of communicable or epidemic disease and shall enforce or prescribe such preventive measures as may be needed to suppress or prevent the spread of such diseases by proper quarantine or other measures of prevention, as may be necessary to protect the citizens of the State. The Board of Health and Environmental Control or its designated agents shall declare, when the facts justify it, any place to be infected and, in case of hydrophobia or other diseases transmitted from animals to man, shall declare such animal or animals quarantined and shall place all such restrictions upon ingress and egress of persons or animals therefrom as may be, in its judgment, necessary to prevent the spread of disease from the infected locality. All sheriffs and constables in the several counties of this State and police officers and health officers of cities and towns shall aid and assist the Director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control and shall carry out and obey his orders, or those of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, to enforce and carry out any and all restrictive measures and quarantine regulations that may be prescribed.</p> <p>It shall, through its representatives, investigate the causes, character, and means of preventing the epidemic and endemic diseases as the State is liable to suffer from and the influence of climate, location, and occupations, habits, drainage, water supply, heating, and ventilation. It shall have, upon request, full access to the medical records, tumor registries, and other special disease record systems maintained by physicians, hospitals, and other health facilities as necessary to carry out its investigation of these diseases. No physician, hospital, or health facility, or person in charge of these records is liable in any action-at-law for permitting the examination or review. Patient-identifying information elicited from these records and registries must be kept confidential by the department and it is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30. It shall supervise and control the quarantine system of the State. It may establish quarantine both by land and sea.</p>	1962 Code Section 32-4; 1952 Code Section 32-4; 1942 Code Section 4998; 1932 Code Section 4998; Civ. C. '22 Section 2309; Civ. C. '12 Section 1570; Civ. C. '02 Section 1085; G. S. 912; R. S. 957; 1878 (16) 729; 1892 (21) 19; 1916 (29) 958]Repealed by 1997 Act No. 155, Part II, Section 23A, eff July 1, 1997.	South Carolina Code of Laws SECTION 44-1-80. Duties and powers of Board as to communicable or epidemic diseases.
SD	County Board of Health	Subject to the supervising control of the department of health, the county board of health, within the territorial limits of its county not included in any first or second class municipality having its own board of health, shall have power to establish quarantine and isolate any person afflicted with a contagious or infectious disease.	Not available	South Dakota Codified Laws Section 34-2-7

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	Department of Health	Inspection and isolation of conveyances of common carriers. Whenever necessary the department of health may establish and enforce a system of quarantine against the introduction into the state of any plague or other communicable disease by common carriers doing business across its borders. Its members, officers, and agents may board any conveyance used by such carriers to inspect the same and if it be found infected, may detain such conveyance and isolate and quarantine any or all persons found thereon, with their luggage, until all danger of disease therefrom is removed.	SL 1913, ch 109, § 6; RC 1919, §7669; SDC 1939, §27.0107.	South Dakota Codified Laws Section 34-22-1.
TN	Local Health Officer	It shall be the duty of the local health officer or the Commissioner or his designated representative, on receiving a report of a communicable disease, or of a suspected epidemic of disease or of a suspected case of a disease of public health significance to establish appropriate control measures which may include examination, treatment, isolation, quarantine, exclusion, disinfection, immunization, disease surveillance, closure of establishment, education, and other measures considered appropriate by medical experts for the protection of the public's health.	Administrative History: Original rule certified June 7, 1974. Repeal and new rule filed March 31, 1977; effective May 2, 1977. Amendment filed April 20, 1987; effective June 4, 1987. Amendment filed March 30, 2004; effective July 29, 2004.	Rules of Tennessee Department of Health, Health Services Administration Communicable and Environmental Disease Services 1200-14-1-.15 general measures for the effective control of disease outbreaks.
	County Health Officer	The county health officer is empowered to order: (1) The quarantine of any place or person if the county health officer finds that such control is necessary to protect the public health from an epidemic; (2) The closure of any public establishment, facility or building if the county health officer finds unsanitary conditions of such a nature and extent to significantly threaten the public health; or (3) The closure of any public establishment, facility or building if the county health officer is otherwise authorized by law to take such action.	Acts 1985, ch. 172, § 1.	Tennessee Code Section 68-2-609
	Commissioner of the Department of Health	The commissioner has the power to: (1) Declare quarantine whenever, in the commissioner's judgment, the welfare of the public requires it; and (2) Prescribe such rules and regulations as may be deemed proper for the prevention of the introduction of yellow fever, cholera and other epidemic diseases into the state.	Acts 1879, ch. 151, § 2; Shan., § 3096; impl. am. Acts 1923, ch. 7, § 46; Code 1932, § 5758; T.C.A. (orig. ed.), § 53-105.	Tennessee Code Section 68-1-201. Power to quarantine.

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		Whenever yellow fever, cholera, smallpox or other epidemic diseases appear in any locality within the state, and information thereof is brought to the knowledge of the department, the commissioner shall prepare and carry into effect such rules and regulations as, in the commissioner's judgment, will, with the least inconvenience to commerce and travel, prevent the spread of the disease.		
TX	Governing Body of a Type A General-Law Municipality	The governing body of a Type A general-law municipality may take any action necessary or expedient to promote health or suppress disease, including actions to prevent the introduction of a communicable disease into the municipality, including quarantine rules, and may enforce those rules in the municipality and in any area within 10 miles of the municipality.	Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.	The Texas Statutes § 122.005
	Home-Rule Municipality	A home-rule municipality may: (1) adopt rules to protect the health of persons in the municipality, including quarantine rules to protect the residents against communicable disease; and (2) provide for the establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals, and other hospitals.	Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989.	The Texas Statutes § 122.006
	Health Authority	A health authority is a physician appointed under the provisions of this chapter to administer state and local laws relating to public health within the appointing body's jurisdiction. The duties of a health authority include: (1) establishing, maintaining, and enforcing quarantine in the health authority's jurisdiction; (2) aiding the board in relation to local quarantine, inspection, disease prevention and suppression, birth and death statistics, and general sanitation in the health authority's jurisdiction; (3) reporting the presence of contagious, infectious, and dangerous epidemic diseases in the health authority's jurisdiction to the board in the manner and at the times prescribed by the board; (4) reporting to the board on any subject on which it is proper for the board to direct that a report be made; and (5) aiding the board in the enforcement of the following in the health authority's jurisdiction: (A) proper rules, requirements, and ordinances; (B) sanitation laws; (C) quarantine rules; and (D) vital statistics collections.	Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 678, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1989. The provisions of this §97.9 adopted to be effective March 16, 1994, 19 TexReg 1453.	The Texas Statutes § 121.024 Texas Administrative Code RULE §97.9

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		A health authority may declare a house, building, apartment, room, or place within the health authority's jurisdiction to be a place of quarantine whenever a case of communicable disease occurs therein, and, in the health authority's opinion, it is necessary to do so in order to protect the public health. No person shall leave or enter the place during the period of quarantine except with specific permission of the health authority.		
UT	Department of Health Organization	The department has authority to investigate and control the causes of epidemic infections and communicable disease, and shall provide for the detection, reporting, prevention, and control of communicable diseases and epidemic infections or any other health hazard which may affect the public health.	Amended by Chapter 211, 1996 General Session	The Utah Code Section 26-6-3.
	Department or the Local Health Department	The department, or the local health department having jurisdiction over the location where an individual who is subject to supervision is found, may issue an order for the individual's temporary involuntary treatment, quarantine, or isolation pursuant to Subsection 26-1-30(2), 26A-1-114(1)(b), or Section 26-6-4 upon compliance with the requirements of this section.	Amended by Chapter 21, 1999 General Session	The Utah Code Section 26-6b-3.
VT	Physicians	A physician who knows or suspects that a person whom he has been called to attend is sick or has died of a communicable disease dangerous to the public health shall immediately quarantine and report to the health officer the place where such case exists, but if the attending physician, at the time of his first visit, is unable to make a specific diagnosis, he may quarantine the premises temporarily and until a specific diagnosis is made, and post thereon a card upon which the word "quarantine" should be plainly written or printed. Such quarantine shall continue in force until the health officer examines and quarantines as is provided in this title.		The Vermont Statutes Section § 1004
	Commissioner of the Department of Health	The commissioner of health shall have the power to quarantine a person diagnosed or suspected of having a disease dangerous to the public health.	Added 1979, No. 60, § 2.	The Vermont Statutes § 1004a

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VA	State Health Commissioner	The State Health Commissioner shall have the authority to require quarantine, isolation, immunization, decontamination, or treatment of any individual or group of individuals when he determines any such measure to be necessary to control the spread of any disease of public health importance and the authority to issue orders of isolation pursuant to Article 3.01 (§ 32.1-48.01 et seq.) of this chapter and orders of quarantine and orders of isolation under exceptional circumstances involving any communicable disease of public health threat pursuant to Article 3.02 (§ 32.1-48.05 et seq.) of this chapter.	Code 1950, § 32-8; 1979, c. 711; 1990, c. 958; 2004, cc. 773, 1021	The Code of Virginia § 32.1-43
WA	Health Officers	Each health officer is hereby directed to use every available means to ascertain the existence of, and immediately to investigate, all reported or suspected cases of tuberculosis in the infectious stages within his or her jurisdiction and to ascertain the sources of such infections. In carrying out such investigations, each health officer is hereby invested with full powers of inspection, examination, treatment, and quarantine or isolation of all persons known to be infected with tuberculosis in an infectious stage or persons who have been previously diagnosed as having tuberculosis and who are under medical orders for treatment or periodic follow-up examinations.	1996 c 209 § 2; 1996 c 178 § 21; 1967 c 54 § 4.	RCW 70.28.031
WV	State Director of Health	The state director of health is empowered to establish and strictly maintain quarantine at such places as he may deem proper and forbid and prevent the assembling of the people in any place, when the state director of health or any county or municipal health officer deems that the public health and safety so demand, and the state board of health may adopt rules and regulations to obstruct and prevent the introduction or spread of smallpox or other communicable or infectious diseases into or within the state, and the state director of health shall have the power to enforce these regulations by detention and arrest, if necessary. The state director of health shall have power to enter into any town, city, factory, railroad train, steamboat or other place whatsoever, and enter upon and inspect private property for the purpose of investigating the sanitary and hygienic conditions and the presence of cases of infectious diseases, and may, at his discretion, take charge of any epidemic or endemic conditions, and enforce such regulations as the state board of health may prescribe. All expenses incurred in controlling any endemic or epidemic conditions shall be paid by the county or municipality in which such epidemic occurs.	Not available.	The West Virginia Code §16-3-1.

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WI	Department or Local Health Officer	The department or the local health officer acting on behalf of the department may require isolation of the patient, quarantine of contacts, concurrent and terminal disinfection, or modified forms of these procedures as may be necessary and which are determined by the department by rule.	History: 1981 c. 291; 1983 a. 189 s. 329 (19); 1993 a. 27 s. 295; Stats. 1993 s. 252.06.	The Wisconsin Statutes Section 252.06
WY	Local Board of Health	Powers and duties allow the local board of health to establish quarantine ordinances.	Not available	15-1-103.
	State Health Officer	In case of the existence of smallpox, cholera, typhoid fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or any infectious or contagious disease, including venereal diseases, that is a menace to public health, or of any epidemic of any such disease, the state health officer may, if he deems proper, proceed to the locality where such disease exists, and make such investigation as is necessary to ascertain the cause thereof, and in case of quarantine established by the county health officer, the state health officer shall have power after close personal inspection, to modify or abrogate any or all quarantine regulations after the same have been established.	2004	2004 Wyoming Statutes 35-4-104
	Department of Health	The department of health, through the state health officer, or under his direction and supervision, through the other employees of the department, shall have and exercise the following powers and duties to establish, maintain and enforce isolation and quarantine, and in pursuance thereof, and for such purpose only, to exercise such physical control over property and over the persons of the people within this state as the state health officer may find necessary for the protection of the public health.	Not available	The Wyoming Titles of Law, 35-1-240