

356.48 Required test.

A person confined to a jail, who bites another person, who causes an exchange of bodily fluids with another person, or who causes any bodily secretion to be cast upon another person, shall submit to the withdrawal of a bodily specimen for testing to determine if the person is infected with a contagious infectious disease. The bodily specimen to be taken shall be determined by the attending physician of that jail or the county medical examiner. The specimen taken shall be sent to the state hygienic laboratory at the state university at Iowa City or some other laboratory approved by the Iowa department of public health. If a person to be tested pursuant to this section refuses to submit to the withdrawal of a bodily specimen, application may be made by the sheriff or person in charge of the jail to the district court for an order compelling the person to submit to the withdrawal and, if infected, to available treatment. An order authorizing the withdrawal of a specimen for testing may be issued only by a district judge or district associate judge upon application by the sheriff or person in charge of the jail.

A person who fails to comply with an order issued pursuant to this section is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

Personnel at the jail shall be notified if a person confined is found to have a contagious infectious disease.

The sheriff or person in charge of the jail shall take any appropriate measure to prevent the transmittal of a contagious infectious disease to other persons, including the segregation of a confined person who tests positive for acquired immune deficiency syndrome from other confined persons.

For purposes of this section, "*infectious disease*" means any infectious condition which if spread by contamination would place others at serious health risk.

87 Acts, ch 185, §2