

## **BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS EXPOSURE POLICY**

1. An accidental puncture injury, mucous membrane or non-intact skin exposure to blood/body fluids should be considered potentially infectious, regardless of source.
2. In the event of an accidental exposure to blood/body fluid, the site should immediately and thoroughly be washed with soap and water, or the eye/mucous membrane with water or saline.
3. Report the incident to your supervisor, faculty, fieldwork educator or university authority. If the exposure occurs at a clinical site or while the student is in a fieldwork setting, the student shall immediately notify his/her fieldwork educator and seek medical attention at that site. The student shall also notify the Clinical Coordinator of their program to report the incident and follow the specific procedures outlined in the policies for the fieldwork setting.
4. A student who has experienced an exposure should immediately assess the level of risk for transmission of blood borne pathogens. If exposure is considered **high risk** for transmission of HIV or Hepatitis B, the student should IMMEDIATELY (WITHIN TWO (2) HOURS) BE EVALUATED AT A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM.

If the student is uncertain whether injury warrants an Emergency Room visit, the student should:

- a. Call the Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) hotline at 1-888-448-4911
- b. Call an Emergency Room for advice
- c. Call the Student Health Center (during open hours) at 503-352-2269.

**IMPORTANT:** High risk exposure requires immediate post exposure prophylaxis treatment. Do not delay in seeking advice.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Do not attempt to clean up any spills of human blood or other potentially infectious body materials. Campus Public Safety, (CPS), Custodial Staff and Resident Directors have been trained for spill cleanups. For assistance dealing with spills of bodily fluids containing visible blood, contact Custodial at 503-352-2213 during business hours, Campus Public Safety 503-352-2230 during off hours, or the Resident Director if the spill is in an on campus housing area.

## **AIRBORNE EXPOSURE POLICY**

A student who has experienced **airborne exposure** (e.g. Tuberculosis (TB) or varicella) at a clinical site should check with fieldwork educator for availability of follow up services. Most fieldwork sites will have a protocol and will do their own exposure follow up. Students may call the Student Health Center at 503-352-2269 for appointment if site does not have a follow-up plan or student can be evaluated by a provider of his/her choice.

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