

#### **Bloodborne Pathogens**

# Universal Precautions and Handling and Disposal of Bodily Fluids Policy

**Definition:** Pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

**Contaminated:** the presence or the reasonably anticipated presence of blood or vomit or other potentially infectious materials on an item or surface.

**Exposure Incident:** A specific eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, non-intact skin or parenteral contact with blood or vomit or other potentially infectious materials that result from the performance of an employee's duties.

# What's an Exposure?

- Blood contact with mucous membranes:
  - 1. Eyes
  - 2. Nose
  - 3. Mouth or

Blood contact with Broken Skin or

Piercing Mucous Membranes or the skin barrier through such events as:

- Needlesticks
- Bites
- Cuts
- Abrasions

### **Exposure Control Plan**

Universal precautions will be observed at this facility in order to prevent contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials.

#### Employees are expected to:

- 1. Wear single use, disposable gloves
- 2. Wear eye protection

Wear them when:

- There is contact with blood, open wounds or sores
- Administering first aid and when any form of body fluid might be involved.
- Applying/changing bandages
- Handling items or surfaces with soiled blood

## The Center will provide:

- Single use, disposable gloves in accessible areas.
  - 1. Changing tables
  - 2. Emergency backpack
- Single use resuscitation barrier equipment for CPR. Located in the classroom First Aid kit
- Single use disposable bags
- Eye protection
- Document all exposures in a log. Located in the office
- Provide training to the staff on "Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure".
- Direct employee to appropriate medical care necessary after an exposure.
- Copy of this plan and the OSHA law available to all staff at all times. Copy in staff handbook.
- Allow employees to go home to change if clothes are blood-stained.

 Hepatitis B vaccine will be offered to employees who have assisted in any situation involving the presence of blood at no cost to the employee.

### Post Exposure Evaluation and Follow-Up:

- 1. Cleanse area of exposure
- 2. Notify director or assistant director of exposure
- 3. Document injury/incident
  - Name Date Time Care or Action taken
- 4. Obtain medical evaluation if necessary.

### Handwashing:

#### Wash hands:

- Before eating or preparing food
- After using the toilet or changing a diaper
- After wearing gloves
- After handling items soiled with body fluids or wastes
- After you handle a sick child
- After HANDLING ITEMS WITH BLOOD

# Cleaning and Disinfecting

Cleaning and disinfecting mouthed toys or food contact surfaces with blood or body fluids.

- 1. Clean with hot, soapy water
- 2. Disinfect using Quat
- 3. Allow to air dry

Cleaning and disinfecting large objects and surfaces contaminated with blood or body fluids:

- 1. Clean with hot, soapy water
- 2. Disinfect with Quat
- 3. Allow to air dry

#### **Waste Disposal**

# Needles/syringes will be:

- Taken home by parents to be disposed of.
- Place in a SHARPS container located in break room
- Collected in a hard, puncture-proof container to a medical facility to be disposed of

#### Blood-soaked waste:

• Will be double- bagged in a plastic bag.

## Blood-stained clothing:

- Blood-stained clothes of the child will be put in a plastic bag and sent home.
- Staff will change clothes if blood-stained.

Staff training of Bloodborne Pathogen and Universal Precautions will be done at yearly orientation training and documented in each staff person's personnel file.