

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT PRESQUE ISLE

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BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

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In Compliance With OSHA Regulations

- Purpose: The purpose of this plan is to eliminate or minimize exposure to bloodborne pathogens. This plan contains the following information:
- Objective: To describe procedures to be followed that will prevent injuries to UM-Presque Isle personnel due to the possible exposure of blood or blood products that happen in the workplace.
- Exposure determination
 - Schedule and methods of implementation for;
 1. Method of compliance; Universal precautions
 2. Hepatitis B Vaccination and Post Exposure follow-up
 3. Communication of Hazards to Employees
 4. Record keeping
 - Procedure for the evaluation of circumstances surrounding exposure incidents.

Exposure Control Plan

The following are employees who are identified by classifications for UMPI faculty, staff, and administration where occupational exposure to blood occurs without regard to personal protective clothing or equipment:

- Childcare
- Nursing faculty
- Nursing/health services
- Security
- Consulting Professionals such as contracted doctors
- Laboratory instructors
- Athletic trainers, coaches and assistant coaches
- Hazardous waste services
- Lifeline personnel
- Health nurse
- Recycling personal
- Custodial and Trades workers

Task associated with the above classifications

Task defined: Any activity which involves the handling of or possibility of handling blood or other potentially infectious material as described earlier in this section.

Where skin or barrier areas of the human body have been broken through such events as needle sticks, punctures, human bites, cuts/abrasions, and handling of body fluids.

Classifications included: Nursing/student health, contracted physicians, law enforcement, trainer and coaches, lifeline, employee health nurse, custodians, trades – plumbers and child care workers.

When handling pathological micro-organisms that are present in human blood

Classifications included: Blood research lab.

Handling and /or removal of potential infectious waste for transportation including sharps containers, etc.

Classifications included: Hazardous waste services, nursing faculty, and nursing/student health, facilities person.

Performing CPR and blood/fluid related first aid techniques.

Classifications included: Lifeline personnel, security, athletic trainer and coaches and health services.

Exposure Incident Procedures (POST)

The following procedure is to be followed when an employee is exposed to and infectious material:

- Report the exposure incident to your supervisor immediately. Fill out any work injury report as required by the Director of Personal.
- The supervisor is to contact the Director of Personal with incident details for tracking as required by law.

NOTE: Immediate reporting is essential in order to facilitate the process.