

HBV/Bloodborne Pathogens

The Board recognizes that staff/students incur some risk of infection and illness each time they are exposed to blood or other potentially infectious materials. While the risk to staff/students of exposure to body fluids due to casual contact with individuals in the school environment is very low, the Board regards any such risk as serious.

Consequently, the Board directs adherence to standard precautions. Standard precautions require that staff and students approach infection control as if all direct contact with human blood and body fluids is known to be infectious for HIV, HBV and/or other bloodborne pathogens¹.

In order to reduce the risk to staff/students by minimizing or eliminating staff exposure incidents to bloodborne pathogens, the Board directs the superintendent to develop and implement an Exposure Control Plan. The plan shall be reviewed and updated at least annually and when necessary to reflect new or modified tasks and procedures which affect occupational exposure.

The plan shall include training followed by an offer of immunization with Hepatitis B vaccine and vaccination series for all staff who are required to provide first aid to students and/or staff and/or all staff who have occupational exposure as determined by the district. Personal protective equipment appropriate to job task shall be provided by the district. A post-exposure evaluation and follow-up shall be made available to any employee sustaining an occupational exposure.

The district recognizes that, as required by OAR 437-002-1030, employees who use medical sharps in the performance of their duties (e.g., administering injectable medicines to students, such as epinephrine and glucagon) must, at least annually, be provided with the opportunity to identify, evaluate and select engineering and work practice controls (e.g., sharps disposal containers, self-sheathing needles, safer medical devices, such as sharps with engineered sharps injury protections and needleless systems). The district will implement such work practice controls, as appropriate.

Documentation, including a sharps injury log, will be maintained as required by OAR 437-002-1035 and 437-002-1030 (3).

END OF POLICY

¹Bloodborne pathogens - pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These include, but are not limited to, Hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Legal Reference(s):

[OAR 437-002-0360](#)

[OAR 437-002-0377](#)

[OAR 437-002-1030](#)

[OAR 437-002-1035](#)

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