

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Infection Control

To reduce the spread of infectious diseases (*diseases that can be spread from one person to another*), it is important to follow Universal Precautions. Universal precautions is a set of guidelines which assumes that all blood and certain other body fluids are potentially infectious. It is important to follow universal precautions when providing care to *any* student whether or not the student is known to be infectious. The following list describes universal precautions:

- Wash hands thoroughly
 1. before and after physical contact with any student (*even if gloves have been worn*)
 2. before and after eating or handling food
 3. after cleaning
 4. after using the restroom.
- Wear gloves when in contact with blood and other body fluids.
- Wear protective eyewear when body fluids may come in contact with eyes (e.g. squirting blood).
- Wipe up any blood or body fluid spills as soon as possible (wear gloves). In accordance with OSHA requirements, specimens of blood or other potentially infectious materials shall be placed in a container which prevents leakage during collection, handling, processing, storage, transport, or shipping. Label the container as “biohazard materials”.
- Send all soiled clothing (i.e. clothing with blood, stool or vomit) home with the student in a container.
- Do not eat, or touch your mouth or eyes, while giving any first aid.

Guidelines for students:

- Remind students to wash hands after coming in contact with their own blood or body secretions.
- Remind students to avoid contact with another person’s blood or body fluids.