

Staff Blood & Body Fluid Exposure Algorithm

Have you had a Blood & Body Fluid Exposure or Needlestick Injury?

Clean Needle or Sharp? Wash the affected body part with soap & water; do not use any disinfectant Splash on Intact Skin or Clothing? Wash the affected area with soap & water; if necessary change clothing

Review use of Personal Protective Equipment

(PPE) and Safe Work Practices

If necessary, please report to a First Aid

Attendant in your Facility for assessment

https://intranet.viha.ca/pnp/pnpdocs/exposure -control-plan-blood-body-fluids.pdf

Report your injury to the Workplace Health Call Centre Occupational Health Nurse:

1-866-922-9464

PLEASE NOTE: If no blood is visible in the following: faeces, nasal secretions, sputum, sweat, tears, urine, vomitus, gastric contents, then post-exposure follow up is not required.

Please contact an Island Health - Occupational Health & Safety Employee Health Nurse Advisor if you have questions: Call OH&S main reception at 1-888-519-1540 or internally at 11540.

Splash in Splash on Mouth/Eyes/Nose? **Dirty Needle** With Blood or body fluids Non-Intact or Sharp? containing blood Skin? Wash the affected body part with soap & water only Rinse mucous - do not squeeze wound membranes well with - do not use any disinfectant tepid water or saline -apply sterile dressing if necessary Notify your Manager or Clinical Nurse Leader Go to the closest Hospital Emergency Room (ER) for assessment as soon as possible (preferably within 2 hours) Fluids capable of transmitting bloodborne pathogens: **while in the ER ensure that you receive the (as per the BC Centre for Disease Control guidelines) "Needlestick and Blood & Body Fluid Exposure" Package and follow the checklist

- Blood & Body Fluids visibly contaminated with blood.
- Semen
- Vaginal/rectal secretions
- Pleural, amniotic, pericardial, peritoneal, synovial and cerebrospinal fluids and wound exudates
- Saliva (rare)
- Transplanted tissue or organs
- Breast milk

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Ensure that Source Exposure blood work is completed

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