

GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE

PROTOCOL FOR NEEDLE STICK, BLOOD OR POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS BODY FLUIDS EXPOSURE

It is the policy of Gulf Coast State College that all students who sustain a needlestick or other wound resulting in exposure to blood or bodily fluids while engaged in a College sponsored educational program should receive prompt medical attention, including counseling, prophylactic drug treatment, and baseline and follow up laboratory values, as necessary. In accordance with this policy, the following procedures must be followed by students who have been exposed to blood/body fluids.

Please keep in mind that drug prophylaxis is time sensitive, therefore you must immediately seek help from the appropriate supervising personnel. She/he will fill out the appropriate incident report and referral slip to expedite the process

Employee will report the incident immediately to his/her immediate supervisor,

The notified supervisor or faculty will initiate an incident report (FLORIDA COMMUNITY COLLEGE RISK MANAGEMENT CONSORTIUM, ACCIDENT – INCIDENT FORM), detailing the particulars of the event, completing the Worker Compensation Form (BCL- 1) and evaluate the circumstances of the accident. This form must be signed by faculty and the injured person. If the injured person declines medical treatment, this should be documented and signed by that individual. The original form will be kept in the office of the Health Sciences secretary on the second floor of the Health Science Building. A copy of the original form will be placed in the BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS notebook that is kept in the Dental Clinic Office area.

1. Wound Care/First Aid
 - a. Express blood from puncture wound
 - b. Clean wound with soap and water
 - c. Flush mucous membranes with water or saline

2. It is recommended that appropriate medical follow-up be obtained
Faculty who incurred the needle stick or exposure and the source person will go to any Medical Facility for the appropriate tests and counseling at no charge.
Students who incurred the needle stick or exposure will go to any Medical Facility for the appropriate consultation and testing. These services will be covered by the Hartford Life Insurance Policy provided through the college. Students are issued a card at the beginning of each semester. They should be instructed to carry the card with him/her at all times while participating in college sponsored educational programs.

3. The facility director in charge will obtain source patient's permission for blood testing by contacting the attending physician of the source patient.

4. The student is NOT to ask the source patient her/himself. It is against Federal and State laws for the student to request permission of the source patient.

5. You will be counseled and advised regarding post-exposure prophylaxis, if necessary

6. If indicated, you will be given a starter pack of prophylactic drugs which are recommended in accordance with the current guidelines of the Center for Disease Control. These medications are covered by the student's insurance policy.

7. Baseline blood tests will be done on you.

8. Re-testing occurs at three intervals
 - a. 6 weeks
 - b. 12 weeks
 - c. 6 months

9. See information provided on Management of Persons Exposed to Blood handouts
 - a. OSHA Regulations for Management and Follow-up after Exposure to Blood
 - b. Management of Persons Exposed to Blood
 - c. Postexposure Protocol for Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Diseases.
10. All procedures, testing and results **WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.**
11. Institute any changes that might help to prevent further occurrences.