



Exposure to Blood or Other Potentially Infectious Materials: Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-Up

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Responsible University Office:
Division of Health Sciences at IUPUC

Responsible University Administrator
Division Head

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Scope

Division of Health Sciences at Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus (IUPUC) faculty.

Policy Statement

Any Division of Health Sciences employee on the IUPUC campus occupationally exposed to blood or other potentially infectious material while on the job will be reported to IU Human Resource Office as soon as possible after exposure and preventive treatment and counseling will be provided, as appropriate, the expense of which is covered through workers compensation insurance. Follow this link to find a provider and the forms necessary:
https://hr.iu.edu/workers/med_providers.html

Reason for Policy

To ensure provision of post-exposure evaluation and follow-up for all Division of Health Sciences employees exposed to blood or other potentially infectious material while on the job.

Procedures

1. Exposure incidents are defined as any specific occupational incident involving eye, mouth, other mucus membranes, non-intact skin, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials.
2. Employees are required to report all exposure incidents immediately to their supervisor.
3. Following a report of the exposure, the employee should report to IU Human Resources for a confidential medical evaluation and follow-up. The medical service provider shall provide medical evaluation and counseling as part of the post-exposure treatment. The designated medical service provider will determine if post-exposure prophylaxis and follow-ups are medically indicated. Post-exposure evaluations are also available to the employee at six weeks, three months, and six months after the initial report.
4. Exposure incidents must be documented on an occupational illness/injury report form.
5. A written evaluation of the exposure incident shall be provided to the employee within 15 days of the completion of the evaluation.

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