

Infection Control and Bloodborne Pathogens

The Board recognizes that staff and 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 and 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 bloodborne pathogens².

The ESD shall develop an Exposure Control Plan in accordance with the requirements in law³.

The Exposure Control Plan shall be reviewed and updated at least annually and when necessary to reflect new or modified tasks and procedures which affect occupational exposure and to reflect new or revised employee positions with occupational exposure. The review and update shall also:

1. Reflect changes in technology that eliminate or reduce exposure to bloodborne pathogens;
2. Annually, document consideration and implementation of appropriate commercially available and effective safer medical devices designed to eliminate or minimize occupational exposure.

The plan shall include training followed by an offer of hepatitis B vaccine and vaccination series for all staff who are required to provide first aid to students and/or for all staff who have occupational exposure as determined by the ESD. Training shall be provided at the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place and at least annually⁴ thereafter. Staff will receive the annual training⁵ as well as the location and a

²“Bloodborne pathogens” are pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). 29 CFR 1910.1030(b)

³ See 29 CFR 1910.1030(c)(1) and OAR 437-002-1059 for more information about an Exposure Control Plan. A template for an exposure control plan may be available from [Oregon OSHA](#).

⁴ Annual training for all employees shall be provided within one year of their previous training. (29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(2)(iv))

⁵ See 29 CFR 1910.1030(g)(2) for information about training requirements.

content review of first-aid and clean-up kits. Kits shall be readily available⁶ in close proximity⁷ to all employees in the building and for ESD vehicles, including each bus⁸. Personal protective equipment appropriate to job tasks shall be provided by the ESD. A post- exposure evaluation and follow-up shall be made available to any employee sustaining an occupational exposure.

The ESD recognizes that 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 ESD will implement such work practice controls, as appropriate. The ESD will document the solicitation of input from such staff in the plan.

Documentation, including a sharps injury log, will be maintained in accordance with law⁹. The

Exposure Control Plan will be accessible to employees in accordance with law¹⁰.

Students will be instructed in safe practices to prevent transmission of bloodborne pathogens in accordance with Oregon Health Standards.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 334.125	Occupational Safety and Health
OAR 437-002-0161	Standards, Bloodborne Pathogens, 29
OAR 437-002-0360	C.F.R. §§ 1910.1020, 1910.103
OAR 437-002-1030	
OAR 437-002-1035	
OAR 581-022-2050	
OAR 581-022-2220	
OAR 581-024-0275	
OAR 581-053-0240(23)	
OAR 581-053-0250(1)	
OAR 581-053-0640(2)	

⁶ OAR 437-002-0161 (2) First-Aid Supplies. (a) The employer shall provide first-aid supplies based upon the intended use and types of injuries that could occur at the place of employment. The first-aid supplies shall be available in close proximity to all employees. Either bulk pack or unit pack supplies are acceptable. (b) “In proximity” is defined as that which is available nearby to ensure prompt treatment in the event of need.

⁷ “In proximity” is defined as that which is available nearby to ensure prompt treatment in the event of need. (OAR 437- 002-0161(1)(b))

⁸ Emergency equipment for buses, includes, but is not limited to, body fluid cleanup and first-aid kits. (OAR 581-053- 0240 (23); OAR 581-053-0640)

⁹ See OAR 437-002-1030(3) and OAR 437-002-1035.

¹⁰ See 29 CFR 1910.1020(e) for requirements on providing access.

