

## Bloodborne Pathogens

*Bloodborne Pathogens are viruses found in blood and bodily fluids that can be passed to others.*

### **Who is Potentially at Risk at a School District?**

Employees whose job duty it is to attend to injured or sick students or co-workers, and students with special needs such as Noon Duty Employees, Nurses, Health Clerks, Paraprofessionals, Special Education Staff, Coaches or Designated Responders, or those who have other contact with blood or bodily fluids (including vomit), most notably, Custodians have an occupational exposure to blood and bodily fluids.

### **How Can You Protect Yourself?**

Following Universal or Standard Precautions will keep you safe from Blood borne Pathogens. Standard Precautions is an approach to all blood and bodily fluids as if they had a disease.

- Handwashing for 30 seconds with a mild soap and water whenever coming into contact with blood or bodily fluids and after glove removal.
- Use of Gloves whenever handling blood or bodily fluids or attending injured students where blood is present. Water impervious gloves should be worn to ensure protection from viruses; other PPE should be worn as necessary to prevent splashes in the eye and or blood on clothing.
- Appropriate use of Disinfectants on areas where there was a blood or bodily fluid spill. Users must know how long it takes for a disinfectant to work and use it correctly to ensure all viruses have been killed, most take 10 minutes.
- Appropriate Trash Disposal ensuring that others are protected by using biohazard bags or double lined trash bags. Use of sharps containers for all potentially infected instruments such as syringes, lancets or epi-pens.





## MONTHLY SAFETY MEETING TOPICS 2017-2019

**Date:** June 1, 2017

**Legal Reference:** Title 8, Section 3203

**Purpose:** The purpose of this document is to coordinate a consistent employee safety message throughout the public schools of the Organization of Self-Insured Schools and the Fresno County Self Insurance Group and to assist in safety compliance.

Month/Year	Topic	Month/Year	Topic
July 2017	Heat Illness Prevention	July 2018	Office Safety
August 2017	Bloodborne Pathogens	August 2018	Bloodborne Pathogens
September 2017	Reporting Employee Accidents	September 2018	Reporting Employee Accidents
October 2017	IIPP	October 2018	IIPP
November 2017	Holiday Decorations and Safety	November 2018	Defensive Driving
December 2017	Emergency Action Plans	December 2018	Emergency Action Plans
January 2018	Slip/Trip/Fall	January 2019	Indoor Air Quality
February 2018	Antimicrobial Use in Schools	February 2019	Hazard Recognition and Response
March 2018	Lifting Safety	March 2019	Stress Management
April 2018	Golf Carts & Utility Vehicles	April 2019	Classroom Safety
May 2018	Ergonomics	May 2019	Slip/Trip/Fall
June 2018	Personal Protective Equipment	June 2019	Ladder and Stepladder Safety

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