BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN COURSE



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The Learner Will Be Able To...

- Recall three bloodborne pathogens
- Describe modes of bloodborne pathogen transmission
- Understand how bloodborne pathogen exposure occurs
- Understand methods to prevent transmission of bloodborne pathogens
- Review information which assists staff maintain compliance with the bloodborne pathogen standard





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School Staff Training

Why?

• All school staff must be trained

When is training needed?

- Upon initial assignment
- At least annually thereafter
- Whenever new or modified tasks or procedures affect a worker's occupational exposure

Additionally!

- Workers must have an opportunity for an in- person Q&A session with the trainer
- Training must be presented during workers' working hours, be offered at the educational level and in a language that workers understand
- Documentation of training event must be signed by worker after each training







What Are Bloodborne Pathogens?

- Bloodborne pathogens are infectious microorganisms in human blood that can cause disease in humans
- Bloodborne Pathogens Include:
 - Hepatitis B (HBV)
 - Hepatitis C (HCV)
 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)





Universal Precautions...

- Treat <u>All</u> human blood and certain human bodily fluids as if they are infectious
- Must be observed in all situations where differentiation between body fluid types is difficult or impossible - <u>all body fluids shall be</u> <u>considered potentially infectious</u> <u>materials</u>





How Are Diseases Transmitted...

- Direct Contact:
 - Body Fluids
- Indirect Contact:
 - Objects With Body Fluids





- Airborne:
 - From The Air
- Vector-borne:
 - Animals And Insects







Occupational Exposure...

- Reasonable anticipated contact with blood or body fluids
- May result from performance of an employee's duties
- Contact occurs through:
 - Skin
 - Eyes
 - Mucous membranes





Contaminated...

Presence or the reasonably anticipated presence of blood or other potentially infectious material on an item or surface





Bloodborne Pathogens Modes of Transmission.....

- Sexual contact
- Sharing of needles
- From mothers to their babies at or before birth
- Accidental puncture from contaminated needles, broken glass, or other sharps
- Contact between broken or damaged skin and infected body fluids
- Contact between mucous membranes and infected body fluids
- Anytime there is blood-to-blood contact with infected blood or body fluids



Other Potentially Infectious Materials (OPIM)...

- Blood products
- Semen
- Vaginal secretions
- Cerebrospinal fluid
- Pleural fluid (lung fluid)
- Synovial fluid (fluid from your joints)
- Amniotic fluid (uterine fluid)
- Peritoneal fluid (fluid that fills your body cavity)
- Saliva in dental settings
 - Any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood





Not All Body Fluids Are Infectious...

These body fluids are infectious <u>ONLY</u> if blood is present in them:

- Urine
- Feces
- Vomit
- Tears
- Sweat
- Nasal Secretions
- Sputum





Transmission Potential...

- Contact with another person's blood or bodily fluids that may contain blood
- Mucous membranes: eyes, mouth, nose
- Non-intact skin
- Contaminated drug equipment
- Contaminated sharps/needles





Transmission Potential...

- Infected blood can enter your body through:
 - Open Sores
 - Lacerations (Cuts)
 - Abrasions
 - Acne
 - Any damaged or broken skin, such as sunburn or blisters







- Attacks the immune system
- Can only live outside the body for a few minutes
- In 2015, an estimated 39,393 people were diagnosed with HIV infection in the United States (CDC)
- In 2016, there were 413 people newly diagnosed with an HIV infection in Indiana (ISDH, 12/31/2016)
- In 2016, Indiana had a total of 5,981 cases of HIV



(ISDH, 12/31/2016)





- Every nine-and-a-half minutes, another person in the United States becomes infected with HIV (CDC)
- Approximately 1 in 5 who are HIV+ do not know they are infected with the disease
- HIV will develop into AIDS within approximately 10 years
- No cure or vaccine to prevent **HIV-** only prevention



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Transmission Of HIV...

- Sexual contact
- Sharing needles or drug equipment
- Pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding
- Contact with other body fluids
- Body piercing and tattooing





HIV Is NOT Spread By...

- Casual Contact
- Saliva
- Sweat
- Spit
- Tears
- Air
- Insects





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HIV To AIDS...

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Acute infection

flu-like symptoms that occur within first 2-4 weeks of contracting HIV infection



Clinical latency

chronic HIV infection after acute infection stage, can last for decades 3

AIDS

occurs when CD4 cell count falls below 200 cells/mm3, and vulnerable to opportunistic infections



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Hepatitis B...

- A virus that infects the liver
- •HBV can live outside the body for 7 days
- 90% of adults contracting the disease will recover and develop immunity
- Up to 10% of adults who contract the disease will not recover and will have chronic Hepatitis B





Symptoms of Hepatitis B...

- Fever
- Fatigue, Joint Pain
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Abdominal Pain
- Dark Urine/ Jaundice
- Clay-Colored Stools





Hepatitis B Transmission...

- Infants born to infected mothers
- Sex partners of infected persons
- Men who have sex with men
- Sharing toothbrushes, razors and fingernail clippers





Hepatitis B Transmission...

- Injected or inhaled drugs
- Tattoos and body piercings
- Traveling to countries where HBV is common
- History of being in jail or prison
- Hemodialysis





Hepatitis B Vaccine...

- No risk of developing Hepatitis B from the vaccine
- The vaccine is 90%+ effective
- The vaccine is given in three doses:
 - Dose # 1 Initial dose
 - Dose # 2 30 days after dose 1
 - Dose # 3 4 months after dose 2





Hepatitis C...

- <u>The most chronic bloodborne</u> <u>disease in the United States.</u>
- An estimated 2.7-3.9 million people in the United States have chronic Hepatitis C (CDC)
- 80% of people have no signs or symptoms
- May remain undetected in the body for years





Risk Groups For Hepatitis C...

- Most commonly occurs in people who have:
 - Received a blood transfusion before
 1992
 - Shared needles/drug equipment
 - Tattoos/body piercing
 - Been born to a mother who has Hep. C
 - Shared nail clippers or toothbrush with a person who has Hep. C
- As many as 90% of drug abusers are infected with Hep C within 5 years of first injecting (ISDH)
- Risk of sexual transmission appears to be low





Signs & Symptoms of Hepatitis C...

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Dark Urine
- Clay-Colored Stools
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Joint Pain
- Jaundice
- In those people who do develop symptoms, the average time period from exposure to symptom onset is 14-180 days (Average is 45 days)







- Some people are infected with both HIV and Hepatitis C
- CDC estimates that 300,000 people are coinfected in the United States
- 50%-90% of injection drug abusers are infected with both HIV and Hepatitis C (CDC)





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Your Exposure Potential...

All school staff are at some risk for exposure to bloodborne pathogens, however, some staff are at a higher risk due to their job description

High Risk Exposure Potential...

Jobs:

- School Nurses
- School Secretaries
- School Coaches/Trainers
- School Custodians
- School Bus Drivers

Tasks:

- Post-Accident Cleanup
- Administering First-Aid
- Janitorial or Maintenance Work
- Handling of any Waste Products





What Is Included In An Exposure Plan?

Introduction/Purpose of the Plan

- Why do we have or need a plan
- Program Management
 - Who is responsible for the plan
 - Who reviews the plan each year
- Exposure Determination
 - Job classifications that are at risk





What Is Included In An Exposure Plan?

Compliance:

- Who is responsible to make sure staff are safe
- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Work practice controls
- Personal hygiene (handwashing)

Housekeeping:

- How to clean up a spill
- Medical Waste:
 - How to deal with medical waste
 - Red bags
 - Sharps





What Is Included In An Exposure Plan?

- Hazardous Communication: Labels and signs
- Training and Record Keeping: Within 10 days of hire Every year thereafter
- Sharps Log: How a person was stuck
- Appendix: OSHA definitions Exposure forms



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What Is Included In An Exposure Plan?

Hepatitis B Vaccination Program:

- Which job classifications are at high risk for occupational exposure
- Schools must offer hepatitis B vaccine to those staff members considered in the high risk category
- Schools must develop and complete a hepatitis B vaccine consent form for each staff member whose job classification is at high risk for occupational exposure

Post Exposure Evaluation and follow-up:

- What to do after an exposure occurs
- Record Keeping:
 - What information will be kept
 - What information is needed





Personal Protective Equipment...

- Anything that is used to protect you from contact with a person's blood or body fluids
- They include:
 - Latex or Nitrile gloves
 - Goggles or Face Shield
 - CPR Mask
 - Aprons
 - N95 mask and Respirators





PPE Rules...

- Always wear appropriate PPE in an exposure situation, which at a minimum would be gloves
- Remove and replace gloves that are torn, punctured, or has lost the ability to function as a barrier to body fluids
- Remove and properly dispose of gloves before leaving the work area
- Wash your hands when you take off gloves





How To Take Off Gloves...

1. GLOVES

- Outside of gloves are contaminated!
- If your hands get contaminated during glove removal, immediately wash your hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Using a gloved hand, grasp the palm area of the other gloved hand and peel off first glove
- Hold removed glove in gloved hand
- Slide fingers of ungloved hand under remaining glove at wrist and peel off second glove over first glove
- Discard gloves in an infectious* waste container



Source: CDC



Hand Washing...

- Wash hands immediately after removing gloves
- Use an antibacterial soap
- A hand antiseptic can be used, but wash with soap and water as soon as possible afterward





How To Wash Your Hands...



1. Wet hands



4. Rinse



2. Use liquid soap



5. Towel or air dry hands



3. Lather, rub and count to 15



6. Turn off taps with towel or your sleeve



Hand Antiseptic....



1. Place a drop of alcohol-based hand sanitizer, the size of a dime in your palm.



 Rub around each thumb clasped in the opposite hand.



Rub hands together; palm to palm.



 Rub fingertips of each hand backward and forward in the opposite hand.



 Rub back of each hand with palm and interlaced fingers of the other hand.



 Keep rubbing until your hands are dry. Paper towels are not needed.



Regulated Medical Waste...

- Liquid or semi-liquid blood or other potentially infectious materials and sharps
- Must be placed in closeable leak-proof container built to contain all contents during handling, storage, transport or shipping and be appropriately labeled or color-coded





Decontamination Procedures...

- Use appropriate personal protective equipment
- Absorb grossly bloody materials with absorbent materials and place in a tied, red bag
 - Decontaminate mop, broom or dust pan in a bleach solution





Decontamination...

- When cleaning up surfaces, use a diluted bleach solution or other approved EPA solution
- If you use bleach, you need to use <u>1:10 Bleach solution</u>
- Put on your gloves
- Do an initial wipe up of the spill
- Spray the disinfectant and allow it to stand for 10 minutes, then wipe up





Decontamination...

- Dispose of all wipes in a biohazard container
- Gloves should be taken off and disposed of in a biohazard container
- Wash your hands!





Contaminated Laundry...

- Contaminated laundry must be handled as little as possible and gloves must be worn:
 - Bag or contain at its location of use
 - Place and transport in bags or containers that are labeled or color- coded
 - Place in a container that will prevent soak-through to the exterior





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Signs and Labels...

Labels must include the universal biohazard symbol, and the term "Biohazard" must be attached to:

Any trash that contains blood contaminated materials such as bloody tissues, bandages, gauze, gloves





What is an exposure incident?

 Any specific incident which occurs while providing job duties that results in blood or OPIM (other potentially infectious materials) enter the body via:

-Non-intact skin

-Mucous membranes (eyes, nose, mouth) -Parenteral route





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Exposure Incident...

- Keep Calm!
- Tell a supervisor ASAP
- If body fluid enters eyes or mouth, wash with water for 20 minutes
- If body fluid comes in contact with broken or chapped skin or needle stick, wash with soap and water for 20 minutes!
 - Report the incident as described in your school district Exposure Control Plan

If You Do Have A True Exposure, You Have <u>TWO HRS.</u> To Start Treatment!





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Exposure Incident...

Post-Exposure Evaluation:

- Confidential medical evaluation
- Document route of exposure
- Identify source individual
- Test source blood (with consent)
- If source can not be identified, your blood will be tested
- Results provided to exposed employee by the health care provider





Exposure Incident...

Document exposure incidents according to your school exposure control plan

Example





Worker's Compensation...

Example

Indiana Worker's Compensation First Report must be included in all exposure incident reporting





IF IT'S WET AND NOT YOURS, DO NOT TOUCH IT WITHOUT GLOVES!







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In Review - OSHA Specifies

The following points must be covered in Bloodborne Pathogen and Universal Precautions training and therefore ALL employees should KNOW:

- Where to access a copy of the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard (Law) with explanation
- Where they can obtain a copy of their employer's exposure control plan and an explanation of the plan
- What actions to take and who to contact should there be an emergency involving blood or OPIM
- The steps to take should an exposure incident occurs, the method of reporting and the medical follow-up that will be made available
- The post-exposure evaluation and follow-up required of employer following an exposure incident
- Opportunity for all employees to have interactive Q & A session with trainer





- Centers For Disease Control and
 Prevention
- HIV. Gov
- IOSHA
- Indiana State Department Of Health
- OSHA
- Medical Reserve Corps



