



PROTOCOL FOR EXPOSURE

BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN EXPOSURE CONTROL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS/EMPLOYEES

- **PROTOCOL FOR EXPOSURE INCIDENT AT OFF-CAMPUS CLINICAL SITE** Packets are available on campus or regional center offices.
 - A. **Student:** Immediate first aid.
 - B. **Student:** Report injury/incident immediately to your instructor.
 - C. **Student/Faculty:** If clinical exposure, follow the clinical site's established bloodborne pathogens exposure control plan.
 - D. **Faculty:** Complete a NWTC online Maxient [Injury/Illness Report](#) with full description of the incident and source of exposure. Check "Email me a copy of this report" and send a copy to the student.
 - E. **Student:** Complete **Exposure Report**. (Available in packets indicated above) Obtained from department/campus/regional center offices or faculty.
 - F. **Student:** Print Student Accident Insurance ID Card, take with you to your healthcare provider. Instructions available at the link below.
 - All NWTC students enrolled in credit classes, a practicum program, and certain other courses will be automatically enrolled in the "Wisconsin Technical Colleges Mandatory Accident Only Insurance Plan." The coverage is provided to students when they are injured in class, clinical (including internships or service learning, etc. if a required part of their classes) or on the way to or from class or clinical. **Please note: This insurance is in excess to any other valid/collectible health insurance coverage.** Additionally, please see [Student Accident Insurance - Northeast Wisconsin Technical College \(nwtc.edu\)](#) for eligibility and exceptions.
 - G. **Student:** You may refuse treatment. If so, you must complete and sign the **Student Informed Refusal of Post-Exposure Medical Evaluation**.
 - H. **Faculty:** Review the **Post Exposure Counseling Sheet** with the student.
- **PROTOCOL FOR ON CAMPUS DENTAL ASSISTANT/DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC INCIDENTS**
 - A. **Exposed Person:** Follow protocol outlined in step 1, listed above.
 - B. **If Source is known:** The **Source Information Follow-up** must be completed and signed. Exposed person should take a copy of this to your healthcare provider.
 - C. **Source Individual:** If the source individual is a patient in the clinic, the patient will be asked to go to Bellin Health Emergency Room for serological testing and follow-up.

NWTC will pay for the baseline testing. Provide the patient with the memo authorizing payment (memo available in DA/DH clinics), along with a copy of the **Exposure Report**, and the **Source Information Follow-up**. (Costs associated with the source testing will be paid by the department where the exposure occurred.)

- **PROTOCOL FOR EXPOSURE INCIDENT ON CAMPUS (NON-DENTAL)**

- A. **Exposed Person:** Follow protocol outlined in step 1, listed above.
- B. **Source Individual:**
 - **Student:** If the source individual is a student, complete the **Source Information Follow-up** and sign. Both the source individual and exposed person should take a copy of this to their healthcare provider (along with the **Exposure Report**).
 - **Non-Student:** If the source individual is not a student, the individual will be asked to go to Bellin Health Emergency Room for serological testing and follow-up. NWTC will pay for the baseline testing. Provide the patient with the memo authorizing payment (memo available in Health Sciences & Education Department Office), along with a copy of the **Exposure Report**, and the **Source Information Follow-up**. (Costs associated with the source testing will be paid by the department where the exposure occurred.)
- C. **Source Individual - Student:** Print Student Accident Insurance ID Card, take with you to your healthcare provider. Instructions available at the link below:
 - All students will be automatically enrolled in the "Wisconsin Technical Colleges Mandatory Accident Only Insurance Plan". The coverage is provided to students when they are injured in class, clinical (including internships or service learning, etc. if a required part of their classes) or on the way to or from class or clinical. **Please note: This insurance is in excess to any other valid/collectible health insurance coverage.** Additionally, please see [Student Accident Insurance - Northeast Wisconsin Technical College \(nwtc.edu\)](#) for eligibility and exceptions.
- D. **Source Individual - Student:** Serological testing and follow-up will be paid by Student Accident Insurance.

STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

Standard precautions will be observed to prevent contact with blood or Other Potential Infectious Material (OPIM). All blood and OPIM will be considered infectious regardless of the perceived health status of the source individual. Specific protocol should be followed for exposures.

EXPOSURE INCIDENT (CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS 1910.1030)

Exposure Incident means a specific eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, non-intact skin, or parenteral contact with blood or OPIM.

1. Parenteral means piercing mucous membranes or the skin barrier through such events as needlesticks, human bites, cuts, and abrasions.
2. Other potentially infectious materials include the following:
 - A. Human body fluids: semen, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal fluid, synovial fluid, pleural fluid, pericardial fluid, peritoneal fluid, amniotic fluid, saliva in dental procedures, any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood, and all body fluids in situations where it is difficult or impossible to differentiate between body fluids.
 - B. Any unfixed tissue or organ (other than intact skin) from a human (living or dead).
 - C. HIV-containing cell or tissue cultures, organ cultures, and HIV- or HBV-containing culture medium or other solutions; and blood, organs, or other tissues from experimental animals infected with HIV or HBV.

3. Other routes of exposure, defined as significant in rules promulgated by the Department of Health/Social Services. The department in promulgating the rules shall consider all potential routes of transmission of HIV identified by the Centers for Disease Control.