

**Johnson City Schools
Health Services**

***Regulation for Observing Universal Precautions when
Handling Blood and Other Body Fluids***

Universal Standards (Precautions): All human blood and human body fluids are treated as if known to be infectious for HIV, HBV, or other bloodborne pathogens.

The following regulations have been designed to protect school system employees from communicable disease and will be followed by all school system personnel:

1. All personnel must wear hypo-allergenic vinyl gloves which will be furnished by the school system when:
 - A. Treating persons with any open wound, bleeding, or loss of body fluids, such as urine, feces, and vomitus.
 - B. Handling objects or cleaning areas soiled with blood or body fluids.
 - C. Disposable gloves must be available on the playgrounds and on field trips should an incident occur.
2. Gloves must be changed after each contact with blood/body fluid.
3. Hands should be washed with soap and water immediately after removal of gloves.
4. Wash hands and any other skin surfaces immediately and thoroughly if they come in contact with blood or body fluids.

HANDWASHING IS THE PRIMARY DEFENSE AGAINST BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS.

5. Utility gloves must be worn by custodians when cleaning spills of blood or body fluids including vomit and when cleaning restrooms. Utility gloves may be reused after soaking 10 minutes in an approved disinfectant.
6. Soiled surfaces and equipment must be cleaned immediately with an appropriate disinfectant which meets with OSHA Standards. Bleach solution must be changed daily if used.
7. Soap should be available in each restroom and at each handwashing sink. Hand sanitizer should be readily available.
8. The Exposure Control Plan (in a red notebook) and an Emergency Response Kit are available at each school in the office/clinic area.

<p>Note: Disposable vinyl gloves and basic first aid supplies are available in your school clinic. Please call school nurses office at 232-5380 with questions or concerns.</p>
