



**COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
PRESCHOOL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
POLICY**

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SUBJECT:
BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

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PURPOSE

County of San Bernardino Department of Preschool Services Early Head Start Program is committed to preventing incidents that could result in employee injury or illness.

POLICY

Staff, volunteers, and children must wash their hands... whenever hands are contaminated with blood or other bodily fluids; and before and after treating or bandaging a wound.

Nonporous (e.g. latex) gloves must be worn by staff when... in contact with spills of blood or other visibly bloody bodily fluids. Spills of bodily fluids (e.g. urine, feces, blood, saliva, nasal discharge) must be cleaned and disinfected immediately. Any tools and equipment used... must be cleaned and disinfected immediately. Other blood-contaminated materials must be disposed of in a plastic bag securely tied.

REFERENCE

Head Start Performance Standards Subpart B 1304.22(e)(1-4)

PROCEDURE

- Universal Precautions should be observed in all centers. All human blood and other body fluids should be treated as if it were known to be infectious.
- If "Sharps" containers are needed, site supervisors will coordinate with the Health Education Specialist
- Personal protective Emergency Clean-up kits are available to employees for their use and protection at the Center and must be properly discarded after each use per directions.
- Follow directions in each individual packet for clean-up and disposal.
- Center areas and equipment will be cleaned and sanitized according to professionally established guidelines as needed to prevent the spread of blood borne pathogens.
- Guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting areas contaminated by bodily fluid include

the following:

- Clean the soiled area with soap and water, rinse with water only. Then disinfect the areas with Quat.
- Dispose of waste and contaminated materials in a plastic bag with a secure tie.
- Wash hands thoroughly.