

# Universal Precautions

In the School Setting

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# What are Universal Precautions?

- Treating all blood and potentially infectious body fluids as if they are known to contain bloodborne pathogens
- Refer to handout for more information

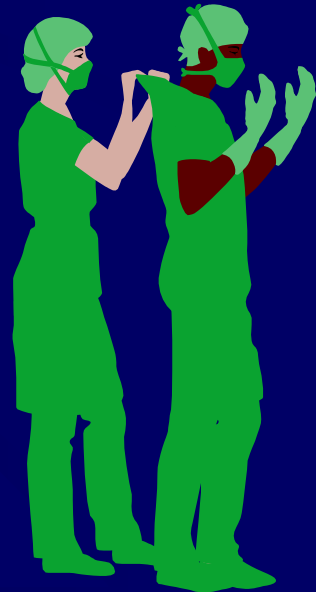


# These Body Fluids Include:

- Blood
- Vomit
- Saliva
- Stool (feces)
- Urine
- Drainage from nose or sinuses
- Drainage from wounds or sores
- Secretions from mucous membranes
- Sputum (mucus from lungs)
- Vaginal secretions, semen

# Guidelines for Contact with Body Fluids

- Whenever blood or body fluids are present, a barrier (gloves, thick layer of paper towels or cloth) must be used.

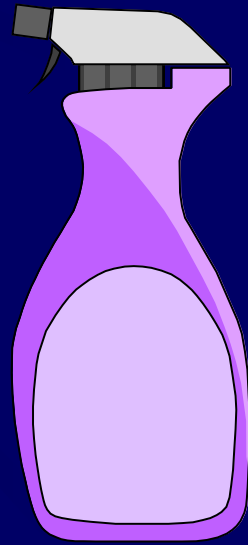


# Gloves Must be Worn When

- Direct contact with body fluids is anticipated (nosebleeds, bleeding abrasions, etc.)
- Handling clothes soiled by urine, feces, vomit or blood
- Diapering children
- Performing dissection
  
- A box of gloves will be kept in each classroom (contact the health aide in your building if you are in need of gloves)

# After Exposure

- Clean area with disinfectant (bleach and water, 1:10 concentration, available in health rooms)
- Discard gloves, contaminated materials in a secured, lined trash container
- Wash hands
- Contact custodian for large areas of clean up





# Handwashing



- The most important step in preventing the spread of disease!
- Use soap and warm water
- Wash vigorously for approximately 10-15 seconds
- Rinse under warm running water
- Turn off faucet with paper towel after drying hands thoroughly

# Have a Great School Year!



- *Keep alive the joy of the child within you*





The End