

## **Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified**

### **Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens**

In accordance with the United States Department of Labor Occupational Safety, and Health Administration regulations dealing with "Safe Workplace" standards related to exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens, the Stonington Board of Education has developed and will implement procedures to protect at risk employees. These procedures, contained in the Stonington Board of Education Exposure Control Plan (the "procedures") are designed to comply in full with applicable federal and state law regulations. The procedures will be overseen by the Superintendent or his/her designee, who shall also be responsible for periodically reviewing and updating them. Copies of the procedures will be kept in the Nurse's Office at each school and in Central Office. The procedures will be monitored by the Connecticut Department of Labor.

It is the policy of the Stonington Board of Education, through these procedures, to take all necessary actions to protect its employees from infectious disease, and in particular, HIV and Hepatitis B Virus, a life threatening bloodborne pathogen.

The Stonington Board will further provide training and protective equipment to those persons who, by virtue of the performance of job duties, are at risk to come in contact with infectious disease. Finally, all at risk employees of the Stonington Board of Education, as defined in the procedures, will be offered the vaccine for Hepatitis B Virus, a life threatening bloodborne pathogen.

Training, needed protective equipment and vaccination, as provided in the procedures, will be at no cost to the personnel and are provided as a precaution for personnel safety.

Legal Reference: 29 CFR Part 1910.1030 *Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens*; Final Rule.

Connecticut State Agencies Regulations Section 31-372-101-1910.1030.

Connecticut General Statutes 31-372 Adoption of federal and state standards. Variance.

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