

Darien Public Schools
Department of Nursing Services
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TO: All Employees
FROM: Alicia Casucci, APRN, CPNP, NCSN
DATE: November 17, 2017
RE: Hepatitis B Vaccination

The Darien Public School System has contracted with American Family Care located at 607 Main Street, Norwalk to provide Blood Borne Pathogen Exposure Treatment and Prevention Services for the District.

Hepatitis-B Vaccinations (Preventive) - Because of the nature of your job you may be at risk for exposure to blood or body fluids. Hepatitis-B virus can be transmitted through blood or body fluids and can cause serious liver disease. Employees who wish to protect themselves may receive a standard series of three Hepatitis-B vaccinations. You can arrange to receive the vaccine at no cost to you by calling American Family Care at 203.845.9100. If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Casucci, APRN, CPNP, Director of Nursing Services at 203.655.3981 x 2304.

Please complete the attached Hepatitis B Vaccination Consent Form.

A) If you are requesting the Hepatitis B vaccine or the Hepatitis B blood test to confirm immunity:

- Please send completed copy of Hepatitis B Vaccination consent form to Alicia Casucci, APRN, CPNP, at Darien High School.
- Make a photocopy of the consent form for your own records.

B) If you are declining the Hepatitis B vaccination:

- Send the completed Hepatitis B Vaccination consent form to Alicia Casucci, APRN, CPNP, Director of Nursing Services.

Blood borne Pathogen Exposure Treatment -In the event that an employee is exposed to blood and/or body fluids from another individual (for example, from a scratch, bite, exposure to blood, etc.) they should contact the principal and school nurse in their respective school, as well as, Alicia Casucci, APRNP, CPNP, Director of Nursing Services. Evaluation of a blood or body fluid exposure involves careful documentation of the incident, including a clear description of the exposure, and identifying, if possible, the source of the exposure (donor). Treatment involves counseling, baseline blood tests, and potentially, immunizations, as well as screening of the donor. As a result, it is extremely important to promptly report the exposure to your school nurse and school principal and the Director of Nursing Services to seek appropriate evaluation and treatment.

To initiate **post exposure care**, call your school nurse and Alicia Casucci, APRN, Director of Nursing and state that you may have been exposed to blood or body fluids. The nursing staff will initially ask a few questions in order to determine your initial treatment and screening needs and refer you to a designated Health Care Provider.