

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Code</i>
	DISEASES TRANSMITTED VIA BLOOD AND OTHER POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS MATERIAL - (PREVENTION OF)	EBBA

HOLLISTON

Standard/Universal Precautions:

In order to guard against the spread of blood-borne pathogens, including but not limited to Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV, all school personnel (including contracted services) and students are required to practice standard/universal precautions. This will occur in connection with all spills involving blood or body fluids of any individual in the school setting or in connection with any school activity including athletic events. Standard/universal precautions refer to the usual and ordinary steps all staff and students need to take in order to reduce their risk of infection with blood-borne pathogens.

The school administration will develop housekeeping guidelines and provide training annually on the proper decontamination procedures to be used on spills of blood or body fluids which occur in school or in connection with any school activity including athletic events. These procedures will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary. ~~They will be kept in appropriate locations at all school buildings.~~

Notice of this policy and the procedures that are developed shall be circulated to all school personnel and departments of the Holliston Public Schools on an annual basis.

Management of exposure to blood or Other Potentially ~~Infection Material~~ Infectious Materials (OPIM):

A number of serious infectious diseases, including but not limited to Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV may be transmitted through contact with blood and other potentially infectious material. In order to prevent the spread of such diseases, any individual may be excluded from the school setting or in connection with any school activity including athletic events, if he/she exhibits one or more of the following conditions.

1. Weeping or bloody skin or mouth sores that cannot be successfully covered or controlled with medications.
2. Biting of an unusual ~~frequency or~~ severity that would be accompanied by the actual transfer of blood to either person involved ~~—from the biter as might happen only from a student with chronically bloody gums or mouth.~~
3. Bloody diarrhea.

Return to the school setting ~~will~~ may occur ~~only~~ when those conditions have been resolved, regardless of whether he/she is known or suspected to harbor a blood-borne disease. The Holliston Public Schools reserve the right to require a physician's statement authorizing the individual's return to the school setting. In the event of differing medical opinions, the School Physician will make the final determination of the individual's return to the school setting.

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Legal References:	Mass D.O.E.: Universal Precautions for School Settings, Medical Update to Massachusetts Policy Guidelines; Infants, Toddlers and Preschoolers with HIV Infection/AIDS in Early Childhood Setting. <u>MGL Chapter 69, Section 8A</u>
Policy Cross Reference:	JLCCA-GBGGA (HIV)
Procedure Reference:	