

Nursing Protocol for Human Bite Incident @ School

Procedure to care for human bite

- Apply gloves
- Stop bleeding by applying pressure with clean, dry gauze
- Wash wound for 2-3 minutes with soap & water
- If bite involves the hand & there is decreased sensation or movement, refer to health care provided to evaluate for nerve or tendon damage
- Apply a clean non-stick dressing.
- Apply cold compress

Student/Staff Specific:

- Check Hepatitis B & Tetanus immunization status for compliance for both the biter & the person bitten if skin is broken.
- Contact Parent/guardian to notify of bite. Refer to teacher/administrator regarding behavior & supervision concerns.
- Discuss medical evaluation if there was an exchange of blood or body fluids & if the hand is involved. If the student/staff has not had a tetanus shot within the last 5 years, the doctor may recommend a booster within 48 hours of the incident.
- Complete an incident report & report to administrator/teacher.
- Record in Power School.
- Staff would complete workman comp if needed

Follow-up procedure:

- Check bite wound for signs of redness or drainage.
- Administrator & teacher will work with staff to determine if there is a need for changes in supervision or environment.