

Below is a list of questions and answers to help guide which staff should be trained and how they can stay up to date with their training.

Q: What staff are required to have Bloodborne Pathogens training?

A: All school staff who work in what are considered *high-risk positions* are [required by OSHA law](#) to receive initial Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP) training “at the time of initial assignment to tasks where occupational exposure may take place”, and to be trained **annually** thereafter.

Q: What is considered a ‘high-risk position’?

A: High risk positions in the school setting generally include: custodians; health room staff; some secretaries depending on their possible first aid/care tasks; PE teachers/coaches; SpEd staff and those working with students with biting, spitting, or fecal smearing behaviors; any staff who have had care tasks assigned or delegated to them by a nurse, such as catheterization, injections, etc.

Q: How does a staff member sign up for a class?

A: MESD offers BBP classes to component district staff through the MESD School Health Services Nurse Consultant and other registered nurses who have been specifically trained in OSHA requirements. Staff can access BBP training on MESD's Health Education Trainings [site](#). Staff may also work with their school nurse to request a BBP class be provided at the school site. Programs who use MESD's Communicable Disease Control Plan may reach out to healthed@mesd.k12.or.us to set up a class.

Q: How long is the BBP class?

A: The initial class length is approximately 75 minutes. The time may vary based on the number of attendees and questions that are asked throughout the training.

Q: How does a staff member renew their BBP training?

A: MESD has approval from Oregon OSHA to use our BBP online update to satisfy the annual training requirement for at-risk staff. ***The staff member must have already taken their initial instructor led training***, and take the annual online update within a year of the previous training date. The online renewal can be accessed on the [HealthEd Trainings App](#) and must be completed during work hours so that staff have immediate access to the MESD nurse consultant should they have any questions.

Q: Can a staff member renew their BBP training through Vector Training/Safeschools?

A: Unfortunately, OSHA has confirmed that the Vector BBP module **does not** satisfy the annual OSHA training requirements for *at-risk staff*.