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Rationale

Standard recautions prudent practices that are used to prevent the transmission of an infectious disease practices which are intended to protect persons from infection through contact with blood or body fluids and are based on the premise that all blood and body fluids are a potential source of infection

lood borne pathogens – any pathogen that can be transmitted from one person to another through blood examples would include V hepatitis and hepatitis

These pathogens may also be transmitted through other body fluids at times dependent on the type of body fluid and nature of exposure

Standard recautions are based on the premise that all persons are a potential source of infection sit is not possible to tell if a person may be infected with a blood borne disease or any other communicable disease it is important to treat blood and body fluids from everyone as potentially infectious. This includes all body fluids except sweat

Policy

The ICS supports the concept of Standard Precautions as a method to provide simple and basic precautions against the transmission of disease. The ICS believes in providing a safe school environment by having written Standard Precautions for people to follow.

Regulation

Il persons will follow the Standard recautions as outlined in the guidelines and procedures below

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To provide a safe school environment for students and staff it is compulsory that all staff use Standard recautions

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• aintain current policies regulations and practices with regard to Standard recautions

School administrators and or supervisors will

- rovide training to all staff that are required to handle blood and body fluids with regard to Standard recautions
- rovide supplies and equipment needed to practice Standard recautions



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ocument that all staff who are required to handle blood and body fluids within their area of responsibility have received orientation in Standard recaution methods

sland atholic Schools staff members who are required to handle blood and body fluids are expected to

- ttend and participate in orientation provided on Standard • recautions olicy
- ollow the practices which are outlined here in

dministrative rocedures

The spread of infection requires three key elements

- a source of infecting organism
- a susceptible host and
- a means of transmission for the organism

The blood borne diseases most commonly transmitted in this matter are

epatitis and epatitis and V The viruses for these diseases can be transmitted through blood and through body fluids such as semen and vaginal ody fluids such as saliva sweat tears urine vomit or mucous secretions unless they are contaminated with blood are not considered infectious Viruses enter the body through breaks in the skin such as open sores or puncture wounds They may also enter through the mucous membranes of the mouth ecause persons who carry the epatitis and epatitis or nose and eyes

V viruses may not display any symptoms of disease they may not be aware they are infected Staff members who are required to handle blood and body fluids will be provided with appropriate personal protective equipment

revention and ontrol ethods

Personal Protective Equipment: Swants to prevent spread of disease through appropriate use of personal protective equipment therefore ontact with bodily fluids

- Staff must treat all contact as potentially infectious when in contact with blood or body fluids
- isposable gloves and barrier masks will be provided to all staff whose duties may involve contact with blood and body fluids
- t is highly recommended that disposable barrier masks be worn when performing artificial respiration or cardio pulmonary resuscitation

¹ This may include first aid designates, playground supervisors, physical education teachers and teacher assistants.



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loves or masks must be disposed of immediately after use and followed by washing hands with liquid soap for seconds and rinse under running water for seconds

isposing of needles and syringes

- Staff will have access to tongs and "sharps" containers for handling such items as used syringes and needles
- isposable latex vinyl or rubber gloves must be worn when handling blood or body fluids or in situations where contact may occur

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rocedure for disposal of needles and syringe

ny sharp object which might be contaminated with blood or body fluids should not be handled by hand They should be picked up with a pair of tongs and disposed of in a puncture proof container

isposing of needles should involve the following steps

- ut gloves on
- ick up needles and syringes with garbage collection tongs
- o not recap bend or break off used needles
- lace in a puncture resistant 'sharps' container
- eep 'sharps' container in a secure location in the school
- ispose of gloves

• Washing hands with liquid soap for seconds and rinse under running water for seconds

rocedure for disposal of condoms

isposable latex vinyl or rubber gloves must be worn when handling blood or body fluids or in situations where contact may occur

- ut gloves on
- ick up condom and dispose of condoms in a sealed plastic bag
- ispose of gloves

• Washing hands with liquid soap for seconds and rinse under running water for seconds

rocedure for body fluid clean up

The clean up of any spill involving blood and body fluids should involve the following steps

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- Wear disposable latex vinyl or rubber gloves
- lean up spills promptly by using absorbent disposable material or paper towel first then clean with a bleach solution part bleach to parts water or approved disinfectant solution
- ispose of the absorbent material and or paper towels in a sealed plastic bag
- Wash non disposable items towels or clothing in hot water and detergent
- seal student's clothing in a plastic bag and send it home for cleaning
- lean brushes brooms mops and other instruments used to clean up body fluids with a bleach solution
- emove and dispose of gloves in a sealed bag and wash hands with liquid soap for seconds and rinse under running water for seconds

rocedure for hand washing

and washing with soap and water should always be done under the following circumstances

- efore preparing food
- efore meals
- fter toileting and diapering
- efore and after providing first aid
- fter handling blood or body fluids

rotocol for needle stick injuries or contact with blood body fluids f an individual has been stuck by a needle or has come in contact with blood body fluids the following steps should be followed

- Wash wound immediately with soap and warm water
 - o not squeeze cut wound
 - o to mergency immediately
 - eport to the Superintendent
 - omplete ncident eport
 - omplete W forms as required

Training

The Swants to prevent infectious disease transmission by ensuring the staff has access to the appropriate awareness education and training

ewly appointed staff shall receive orientation upon commencement of work

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- II S staff and any volunteers who are required to handle blood and body fluids working on school diocesan sites will receive orientation in Standard recautions
 - Site training will be provided

ote The description of these prudent practices applies to the prevention of infectious disease transmission and care must be taken to follow the outlined application of these procedures to ensure the health safety and security of all persons in the S

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