



Exposure to Blood Borne Pathogens Guidelines for Stritch School of Medicine Students:

This document establishes the procedures and financial obligations students face if they may have been exposed to blood borne pathogens (BBP) through blood or other body fluids (by a needle stick, cut, splash or other method of exposure). With an exposure to blood or other bodily fluid, it is to your benefit to immediately report this exposure and take the following actions without delay. While the exact reporting procedure may be different depending on the clinical site where you are exposed, the first two steps are the same.

IF YOUR EXPOSURE OCCURS AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER:

- 1. Wash needlestick or sharps injuries and cuts immediately with soap and water. Flush splashes to the nose, mouth, or skin with water. Irrigate eyes with clean water, saline, or sterile irrigants.**
2. Notify your supervisor and charge nurse and ask them to source test the person (to ensure blood is drawn immediately on the source person).
3. Seek immediate medical attention by reporting the exposure to the Loyola Outpatient Center (LOC) Employee and Student Health Clinic nurse at 708-216-3156. You will be instructed to come to the LOC Employee and Student Health Clinic at 2160 S. 1st Ave, 3rd floor, at the south end of the Medical Center Campus to complete the reporting process and to have your baseline laboratory studies drawn for testing.
4. If after hours, on weekends, or holidays, report to the Emergency Department. When your visit in the LUMC ED is complete, leave a secure voicemail message for the LOC Employee and Student Health at 708-216-2312. State the following information:
 - a. Your name
 - b. Your date of birth
 - c. Your return telephone number where you can be reached
 - d. The name of the person who was the source of your exposure
 - e. The source person's medical record number
5. If you have your blood drawn in the LUMC ED you will still need to complete an Exposure Prevention Information Network (EPINet) report and an employee occurrence report form. The LOC Employee and Student Health Clinic nurse will assist you with questions about these documents.

IF YOUR EXPOSURE OCCURS AT A CLERKSHIP OR ROTATION SITE AWAY FROM LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER:

- 1. Wash needlestick or sharps injuries and cuts immediately with soap and water. Flush splashes to the nose, mouth, or skin with water. Irrigate eyes with clean water, saline, or sterile irrigants.**
2. Notify your supervisor and charge nurse and ask them to place the order to ensure blood is drawn immediately on the source person ("source testing").
3. Contact the site's employee/occupational health service immediately.
4. If the site does not have the above service or it is closed, go to the site's designated Emergency Department.
- 5. FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE AT AN AWAY SITE'S DESIGNATED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, PROVIDE YOUR INSURANCE INFORMATION.**