

Shepherd Tri-Twp Fire Department
BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS EXPOSURE MANAGEMENT

Procedure:

This procedure shall apply to all Bloodborne pathogens exposure. Any employee who is exposed to Bloodborne pathogens, such as needle stick, blood splash, cut with contaminated equipment, (not limited to these examples) is to:

1. Report the incident immediately to their supervisor.
2. Complete departmental exposure incident investigation form including all information (see attached form).
3. Note the name and contact information of any blood/contaminate source on the form.
4. Administer prophylaxis as follows:
 - A. Any exposure (percutaneous or perimucosal)
 1. Clean area with soap and water
5. Notification:
 - A. The fire chief or his/her designee shall be notified of any exposure as soon as possible.
 - B. Contact CMCH ER to see if immediate medical attention is required.
 - C. Contact CMCH infectious control nurse.
 - D. Provide infectious control nurse with all available information.
 - E. Incident should be turned over to CMCH infection control nurse and follow CMCH policy for Bloodborne pathogen exposures.
6. Protective disposable gloves, masks, gowns and goggles must be used by personnel in contact with the patient to prevent transmission of contagious diseases. Direct contact with blood and other bodily fluids should be avoided whenever possible. Fire Personnel are required to use issued protective equipment while on duty.
7. Review of incident:
 - A. The fire chief or his designee shall review the information that has been gathered to determine a cause and prepare recommendations for avoiding similar incidents in the future.
8. Fire Personnel will be offered Hepatitis B vaccinations at no cost to the Employee.

Procedure Overview/Purpose:

To assure the prompt identification of affected employees, so that the appropriate intervention and adequate prophylaxis and or treatment can be initiated.