

Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities

PROCEDURE

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The following definitions will apply:

**Acute Exposure** – A situation where one person's blood and/or body fluids can enter another individual's bloodstream through non-intact skin, mucous membranes or a wound breaking the skin.

**Biohazard** – A label used to indicate that the container in question is used to store, transport or ship blood and/or OPIM and or equipment, laundry, etc., contaminated by blood and or OPIM. This can be indicated by the word "Biohazard" or by the container in question being red in color.

**Blood and/or Body Fluids - OPIM** – Blood, non-intact skin, mucous membranes, semen, blood products, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal fluids, synovial fluids, pericardial fluids, and amniotic fluids.

**Body Substance Isolation** – Precautions taken to prevent direct contact with all body substances of all individuals, regardless of known or unknown infectious status. This includes urine, feces, sputum, emesis, etc., as well as blood and body fluids. PERSPIRATION AND TEARS ARE NOT INVOLVED IN THE TRANSMISSION OF ANY INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

**Consumer/Enrollee** – Any person who receives or who is eligible to receive services provided by the WCBDD during any time in which he/she is participating in WCBDD programming activities. Any enrollee performing paid work for an outside company or agency will be covered by that company/agency's procedures.

**Contaminated** – Soiled or infected by listed potentially infectious agents.

**Contaminated Sharps** – A sharp object previously used on an individual's tissues such as a needle or razor.

**Employee** – An employee of the Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities, a person under contract with the board, or a volunteer, when such persons do not have a license as a health care professional acting within their scope of practice.

**Individual/Person** – Any staff, consumer or visitor.

**Mucous Membranes** – A thin sheet of tissue which lines cavities or passages that communicate with the exterior of the body which contains glands that secrete mucus. This includes eyes, inside of nose, mouth and ears, and the perineal area.

**OPIM – Other potentially Infectious Agents** – The same as Body Fluids; that is blood products, mucous membranes, non-intact skin, vaginal secretions, semen, cerebrospinal fluids, synovial fluid, pericardial fluid, amniotic fluid, saliva only is blood visible, contaminated sharps, contaminated equipment, a bite breaking the skin.

**Regulated Waste** - Liquid or semi-liquid blood or OPIM; contaminated items that would release blood or OPIM in a liquid or semi-liquid state if compressed; items that are CAKED with dried blood or OPIM and are capable of releasing these materials during handling; contaminated sharps; and pathological and microbiological wastes containing blood and OPIM.

**Spill** – SMALL – An inadvertent accumulation of any body substance amounting to the equivalent of less than one cubic foot.

MAJOR – An inadvertent accumulation of any body substance amounting to the equivalent of one cubic foot or more.

**Splattering** – To scatter or splash in drops. To throw off splashes.

**Universal Precautions** – Procedures to be implemented to prevent contact with ANY INDIVIDUAL'S blood and body fluids, regardless of known or unknown infectious status. This includes, blood, blood products, mucous membranes, non-intact skin, vaginal secretions, semen, cerebrospinal fluids, synovial fluid, pericardial fluid, amniotic fluid, saliva only if blood

1. All regulated waste generated within WCBDD facilities will be disposed of in containers labeled as "biohazard". This can be indicated by the word "biohazard" or by the container being "red" in color.

2. The only routine, ongoing regulated waste generated by WCBDD facilities is contaminated sharps (i.e. needles, razors, etc.).

3. Contaminated sharps will be disposed of in "sharps containers" which are red in color, puncture resistant, leak proof on the sides and bottom, and closable.

- a. These containers will be located in proximity to areas where their need can be reasonably anticipated.
- b. The Maintenance Department will distribute clean sharps containers to all departments on request.
- c. Each department will monitor the use of sharps containers, ensure they are available where needed, and will notify maintenance when need replaced. Sharps containers will not be allowed to overfill. When the contents of the sharps containers reach the "full" line maintenance will be notified of need to pick up and replace.
- d. Maintenance will pick up the containers.
- e. Maintenance will close the used sharps containers, remove them from the facility.
- f. Used sharps containers will be picked up as needed.
- g. The container used to store used sharps containers is to be labeled as a biohazard and be leak proof and be kept secure. Clean sharps containers will not be stored in same container.

4. As the WCBDD generates less than 50 pounds of regulated waste per month it is considered "a small generator of regulated waste."
- a. As a small generator regulated waste other than contaminated sharps will be placed in plastic bags then placed in red biohazard bags and maintenance notified. Gloves will be worn when handling used red, biohazard bags.
  - b. Maintenance will pick up the red biohazard bags as needed and dispose of them appropriately.

References: Occupational Safety and Health Administration Bloodborne Pathogen Standard 29 CFR part 1910.1030  
State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, "Guidance Document for Small Generators of Infectious Waste"  
WCBDD Exposure Control Plan  
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