

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
(Infection Control)

Procedures for Cleaning Blood and/ or Body Fluids

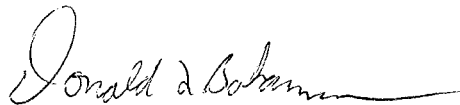
Many communicable agents can be found in the blood or body fluids of humans, including in individuals with no outward signs or symptoms of infection. The District requires all District personnel to adopt routine procedures for handling the clean-up of all body fluid spills. The procedures for District schools and sites, as outlined by the Center for Disease Control, are as follows:

1. If available, absorbent floor-sweeping material should be used to cover fluids to keep them from spreading.
2. Vinyl or latex gloves should be worn, and all spills should be cleaned up with absorbent towels or tissues, using soap and water.
3. If the person doing the cleaning has any open skin lesions, precautions should be taken to avoid direct exposure of the lesions to the body fluids.
4. All surfaces that have been in contact with the fluids should then be sprayed with a disinfectant that is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the SSD Board. This disinfectant will be diluted and premixed according to the manufacturer's instructions by the commercial contracted cleaning company then furnished to all SSD sites in a properly labeled spray bottle with specific directions for use.
5. If the gloves worn to clean up the spill are reusable, they should be washed with soap and running water prior to removal. Disposable gloves should be removed without soiling the hands and should be disposed of in an impermeable plastic bag. The hands should always be thoroughly washed with soap and water after the gloves are removed regardless of whether any contamination has occurred.
6. After exposure to body fluids, proper hand washing should consist of thorough use of soap and water for at least 15 seconds.
7. It is necessary to keep one (1) or more clean-up kits on hand for such spills. The clean-up kit should consist of the following items:
 - a. Absorbent floor-sweeping material
 - b. Liquid soap
 - c. Disinfectant
 - d. Small buckets
 - e. Vinyl or latex gloves
 - f. Disposable towels or tissues
 - g. Impermeable plastic bags

All of these materials and instructions for their use should be kept together in one (1) or more central locations.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald A. Bohannon". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Superintendent of Schools