

Bloodborne Pathogen Training

Saint Joseph's College cares about the health and wellness of its employees. Employees identified as having a potential risk for exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens are entitled to Bloodborne Pathogen training and protection against Hepatitis B through vaccination. Not all employees have job descriptions that put them at potential risk for coming in contact with another person's blood.

Bloodborne Pathogens are diseases that are transmitted through blood and body fluids. Some examples are Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV. These are very serious illnesses that can eventually become debilitating and potentially cause death. Hepatitis B vaccination can protect you against a blood borne exposure to Hepatitis B. There is no vaccination for Hepatitis C or HIV. Gloves and other barrier protective equipment should be made available to use if someone is injured and bleeding.

Employees who are identified as at risk are entitled to be vaccinated against Hepatitis B. This is a series of three vaccinations. If you have had the series, please locate your documentation and bring a copy to the Health and Wellness Center. If you were unable to locate your documentation you would still need to be tested for positive immunity to the disease. Therefore, **it is necessary for you to contact the Health and Wellness Center (6634)** to set up an appointment either for the vaccine or to have a blood titer drawn.

Anytime you have an exposure to blood, immediately call Security (7911) who will handle the injured person and contain the area for clean up. As soon as possible after the incident you need to contact the Health and Wellness Center (6634) for appropriate follow-up and treatment.

If your clothes become contaminated, you would be provided with a set of scrubs to wear and the college would be responsible for laundering your clothes. No one is allowed to leave campus with blood contaminated clothing. Blood contaminated waste is stored in two locations on campus: the Training Room at the Alford Center and the Health and Wellness Center in Carmel Hall.

Please feel free to contact the Health and Wellness Center with any questions, to schedule your vaccinations or titer, or assistance in locating your immunization documents.

Health and Wellness Center
Saint Joseph's College
(207) 893-6633
(207) 893-7865 Fax

Please signify that you have read this statement by signing in the space provided below.

Signature: _____

Date: _____