

The superintendent shall be responsible to insure that the district implements, reviews and updates at least annually an exposure control plan to eliminate or minimize employees' occupational exposure to blood borne pathogens in accordance with OSHA requirements. The plan shall designate a response team at each building. Failure of an employee to comply with the plan shall be grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

The district shall provide, at no cost to employees, necessary supplies, personal protective devices, and training to comply with the exposure control plan. Training shall include a discussion of universal precautions.

Employees identified as having reasonably anticipated occupational contact with blood or infectious materials shall receive training and education on safety precautions and shall be provided the Hepatitis B vaccine at district expense or shall sign a written waiver declining the vaccine. Following a report of an exposure incident, the district shall make immediately available to the exposed employee a confidential medical examination and follow-up.

Medical records shall be maintained for each employee with occupational exposure. Such records shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed without the employee's express written consent to any person within or outside the workplace except as required by law.

Procedures and guidelines for incidents involving possible blood borne pathogens are included in the board's policies and in any applicable handbooks of procedures.

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