

As a result of legislation passed in 1999, Texas public school districts are required to implement bloodborne pathogen exposure control plans. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) School Health Program has compiled the following information and resources to assist public school districts in adapting policies to ensure compliance with Title 25, Part 1, Chapter 96 (Bloodborne Pathogen Control) of the Texas Administrative Code (§§96.101, 96.201-96.203, 96.301-96.304, 96.401-96.402, 96.501, 96.601) and Chapter 81 of the Health & Safety code (§§ 81.301- 81.306)

Before calling the Department of State Health Services School Health Program or Infectious Diseases, Epidemiology and Surveillance, please do the following:

- Read all documents accessible as links via this web site
- Scroll through the [FAQs regarding BBPs](https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth/bbpfaq.shtm)
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Who can conduct the employee training?

A: As a general rule, Registered Nurses are viewed to be qualified to conduct training. However, if the RN is not knowledgeable and not comfortable in this role, he or she should request assistance.

Other persons who may provide training include, LVNs and safety/health instructors who have received special training or who have job experience conducting OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen training.

The person presenting the training must allow employees the opportunity to have their questions answered.

Who has to be offered the Hepatitis B vaccine?

A: Any employee who is determined to be "at risk" of on the job exposure to "blood or other material potentially containing bloodborne pathogens in connection with exposure to sharps."

This is best determined by reviewing job descriptions and categorizing employees.

Many districts are providing the vaccine to those employees most at risk first and then making plans to phase in other categories in the future.

Some districts are offering the vaccines to all employees but are only assuming the financial cost for those employees with the highest risk.

What happens if the district has a written plan but has not conducted training prior to January 1, 2001?

The rules do not specify enforcement methods or allow for the assessment of penalties. Department of State Health Services staff will be making random site visits to various governmental units, but the focus of these visits will be to provide education and support.

The DSHS minimum standard exposure control plan indicates that records must be kept according to OSHA standards, which in turn states that records are retained for 30 years.

Are schools required to comply?

A: The state has no recommendation regarding record retention and leaves that up to the individual governmental unit to store according to their specific policy and procedures.

What steps should school districts take if they want to apply for a "waiver"?

A: The School Health Program does not grant waivers. After reading the information presented on this site, please contact the School Health Program with any questions or concerns at (512) 458-7279

More DSHS Resources for Design and Implementation of Exposure Control Plans

- **DSHS Audiovisual Library**
(Provides instructional videos on control of bloodborne pathogens in occupational settings)

Contact: Kelli Kennedy, Librarian
(512) 458-7260
- **DSHS Infectious Diseases, Epidemiology and Surveillance**

Neil Pascoe, R.N., Epidemiologist
(512) 458-7111, ext. 2358
- **DSHS Public Health Regional Offices**

Publications on Bloodborne Pathogen Control

- ***An Aid for Health Care Professionals in Complying with the OSHA Standards on Bloodborne Pathogens***

GlaxoSmithKline, Biologics Division

<http://gskvaccines.com>

1-866-475-8222 (ordering department)

1-866-475-9296 (fax)

Vaccine Account Manager,

Beth Null, M.B.A., Senior Vaccine Account Manager

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- **National Education Agency Health Information Network (NEA/HIN)**
The Red Book Exposure to Blood on the Job: What School Employees Need to Know

1201 16th Street NW, Suite (521)

Washington, DC,. 20032

(202)822-7570

- **Texas Hospital Association**

*The Texas Sharps Safety Manual: A Guide to Implementing the State's
Bloodborne Pathogens Law*

Amanda Engler, Communications Manager,
(512) 465-1026

Fax on demand service: Follow voice prompts and request document 313 to
obtain an order form for the above guide and receive information on the other
helpful tools

(888) 293-5257

- **AIMS Multimedia**

Health, Wellness & Prevention Videos

9710 DeSoto Avenue
Chatsworth, California, 91311

Phone: (800) 367-2467

Fax: (818) 341-6700

- **Coastal Training Technologies Corporation**

(see list of available publications below*)

500 Studio Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

1 (800) 695-0756

sales@coastal.com

***Titles Available from Coastal Training Technologies Corporation:**

Bloodborne Pathogens: Exposure Control Manual

Description: Develop and customize your required Exposure Control Plan (ECP) with this helpful manual and CD-Rom. The manual reviews the OSHA standard (1910.1030) and provides worksheets for establishing your facility's policies. Also provided are recordkeeping, training requirements and useful web addresses. The CD-Rom gives you the ability to print and customize the Exposure Control Plan policies and worksheets in Microsoft Word, Adobe PDF or Work Perfect formats. 104 pages

First Aid For Schools

Description: New updated version. Includes head, neck & back injuries, choking, broken bones, cuts, human bites, chemical burns, bee sting reactions, fainting, heat emergencies, nose bleeds, and more... (video + 10 free handbooks)

Bloodborne Pathogens For School Custodians

Description: With this video, teach your school custodian to protect him or herself from transmission, and through effective cleaning and disposal of potentially infectious material, keep everyone in the school building safe and healthy. Includes HBV, HCV, HIV; transmission; exposure control plan; reducing the risk of exposure; engineering controls; work practice controls; PPE; and housekeeping. (video + 10 free handbooks - also available in Spanish)

Bloodborne Pathogens For School Employees: The Straight Facts

Description: This new video program takes a closer look at the three main bloodborne pathogens putting your faculty at greatest risk on the job - Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV. It also addresses the Standard Precautions school employees need to follow in order to protect themselves from transmission. (video + 10 free handbooks)

Bloodborne Pathogens: Early Childhood

Description: With this important new video, your staff will learn about bloodborne pathogens, established safety procedures, and how to stay safe and healthy while working with young children. Includes HBV, HCV, HIV symptoms; transmission; reducing

exposure; PPE; housekeeping; what to do in case of exposure. (video + 10 free handbooks)

First Aid for School: Initial Responses

Accidents can happen anywhere, anytime, even at school. It's critical to know how to care for an injured student in those first few moments after an accident occurs, before help arrives. Includes basic first aid procedures and standard (universal) precautions (includes handbook). 19 minutes

Bloodborne Pathogens in School: The Human Side

Real-life stories highlight the potential dangers of bloodborne diseases in the educational environment. Helps to educate teachers, bus drivers, custodial staff and physical education staff on the standard (universal) precautions that could save their lives. Can be used for initial or refresher training (includes handbook). 22 minutes

Bloodborne Pathogens: A Lesson to Live By

This video takes you to a staff meeting where educators are discussing the return of a student with AIDS. Concerns and fears are tackled along with thorough instructions for handling blood in and around the school setting. Tips for sensible precaution are covered, along with bloodborne diseases, myths, risk of transmission and coping skills for students (includes handbook). 17 minutes

Bloodborne Pathogens for School Bus Drivers: The Route to Safety

It's important to protect students while transporting them to and from school. This video will help ensure that bus drivers understand standard (universal) precautions that can prevent the spread of bloodborne disease. Includes information on bloodborne diseases in transportation settings, transmission and prevention, and personal protective equipment. 20 minutes

Bloodborne Pathogens: Protection in Educational Environments

This program details OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens Standard (1910.1030) and the training specifically mandated for educators. Includes exposure control plans, work practice controls and standard (universal) precautions (includes handbook). 20 minutes

Bloodborne Pathogens in School: A Refresher Course

This video highlights the latest AIDS, Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C concerns and is an effective refresher course for school employees. Covers transmission of bloodborne pathogens, reducing risks and exposure control plans. 10 minutes

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- **National Association of School Nurses**

Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens: Implementing OSHA Standards in School Settings

P.O. Box 1300

Scarborough, ME 04070-1300

(207) 883-2117

www.nasn.org

- **Merck Vaccine Division**

Lisa A. Cruttenden, MHA

510 West 18th Street, #113

Austin, TX 78701

1 (800) 737-1042, ext, 13279

National Service Center: 1 (800) NSC-MERCK

- Other Web sites

- Occupational Safety & Health Administration

www.osha.gov

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov

Hepatitis C

Hepatitis C

(HCV)



ICD-9 070.5; ICD-10 B17.1

Related Topics: [Hepatitides](#),

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/hepatitis/>

[Vibrio vulnificus](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/hepatitis/) <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/vibrio/vulnificus/>

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