

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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Policy Title:

**Universal Blood and Body Fluid
Precautions**

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- Chapter 6400 – Community Homes For Individuals With Mental Retardation

INTRODUCTION:

1. Since blood can carry all types of infectious diseases even when a person does not feel or look ill, knowledge of universal precautions is important for anyone who may come into contact with blood or other body fluids. The Center for Disease Control has recommended the following guidelines for bloodborne pathogens.
 1. Hand washing keeps you from transferring contamination from your hands to other areas of your body or other surfaces you may contact later. If infectious material gets on your hands, the sooner you wash it off, the less chance you have of becoming infected.
 2. Always use appropriate barrier precautions to protect skin and mucous-membranes when you anticipate contact with blood or body fluid of any person.
 3. Always wear gloves when:
 - Touching blood and body fluids, mucous membranes or non-intact skin
 - Handling items or surfaces soiled with blood or body fluids
 - For performing venipuncture (bloodwork)
 4. Always change gloves after contact with each person and wash hands immediately after gloves are removed.
 5. After use, sharps should be placed in designated containers for disposal and these should be located as close as possible to the use area.
 6. Staff who have oozing lesions or weeping dermatitis should refrain from all direct

service and food handling and handling of equipment until the condition resolves.

7. Do not eat, drink, smoke, apply cosmetics or lip balms, or handle contact lenses where you may be exposed to blood or other potentially infectious materials.

DISCUSSION: