

EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN

This protocol applies to all USC Columbia campus employees, student employees, apprenticeship students, and all other students who have an exposure to human blood or body fluids. You may call a Thomson Student Health Center nurse at 803.777.3658 for any questions or additional information.

Personal action required for needle sticks and other exposures to blood or body fluids:

- If possible, wash or flush the exposed area with soap and/or water immediately.
- Seek medical treatment as soon as possible after the incident.
- Be sure to inform clinical personnel that the injury is an exposure to bloodborne pathogens and/or a needle stick. If possible, needles and other sharps should be placed in a puncture resistant container and given to the medical provider at the treatment facility.

During normal working hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm:

You must first call Richland Family Practice 803.434.2479 or 803.434.6116 and you may be required to report to Richland Family Practice located on the first floor at 3209 Colonial Drive, Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital Campus for further evaluation.

After normal working hours and on week-ends and holidays:

Report to the Emergency Department at Palmetto Richland Memorial Hospital.

Workers' Compensation covers the following populations who experience a bloodborne pathogens exposure while working on the job:

- All university employees and apprenticeship students in the Colleges of Education, Exercise Science, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, and Social Work who are exposed while on the job.
- Work study students and graduate assistants who are exposed while on the job.

Report the incident to your supervisor as soon as possible but do not delay treatment. A USC incident report will need to be completed once treatment is initiated. Those working in satellite clinics and hospitals out of town should seek treatment at the nearest hospital's emergency department.

Students Who Suffer a Non-Job Related Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure During an Enrolled Academic Session:

- On-Campus: Students should report to the Thomson Student Health Center for initial evaluation and referral. If TSHC is closed, students may seek care at the Palmetto Richland Hospital Emergency Department.
- Off Campus – Greater Columbia Area: Students should report directly to PH/RFPC between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students should advise PH/RFPC of their student status and request that TSHC be notified of the situation. For exposures after normal working hours, report directly to the Palmetto Health Richland Hospital Emergency Department.
- Off Campus – Other Areas: Students who are on academic or training experiences should follow procedures specified by the training organization. If no procedures are specified, or the student is on holiday, report to the nearest hospital emergency department.

ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT VERIFICATION

I have received, read, and reviewed the AT Program Policy and Procedures listed above for the Exposure Control Plan. I understand that I have access to this document and all other Policy and Procedures for the AT Program through Blackboard at any time during my tenure within the AT Program. I will address any questions related to an exposure control plan to the athletic training program director or clinical coordinator.

Date: _____

Signature, Athletic Training Student

Name, Athletic Training Student (Print)

Signature, Parent/Guardian
(If student is under 18)

Name, Parent/Guardian (Print)

