

Tri-County Community Council, Inc.
Head Start/ Early Head Start

Part: 1302 Program Operations
Subpart: D-Health Program Services
Section: 1302.47 Safety Practices
Subject: Handling Body Fluids

Policy:

Head Start/Early Head Start promotes safe and simple universal precautions against transmission of diseases.

Procedure:

1. Head Start/Early Head Start considers all body fluids contaminated.
2. All Head Start/ Early Head Start staff/Home Visitors or volunteers will wash their hands after coming in to contact with body fluids.
3. Head Start/Early Head Start staff/Home Visitors or volunteers will wear non-sterile gloves whenever cleaning up body fluids, blood spills, vomitus, urine, feces, etc.
4. When a spill is discovered, the area will be isolated.
5. When the spill is on non-porous surfaces, the area should be sprayed with a 10% bleach solution. When the spill is on a porous surface alcohol should be used.
6. Allow the spill to sit undisturbed for at least 10 minutes.
7. Cover a vomit spill with vomit powder.
8. Place all of the contaminated materials in a disposable plastic waste bag, and then place them in a heavy-duty garbage bag, and place outside in the waste receptacle.
9. Dispose of your gloves in an appropriate waste receptacle and wash your hands thoroughly.