

SIU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE MEDICAL STUDENTS AT AWAY ELECTIVES WHAT TO DO IF AN EXPOSURE OCCURS

1. Save the SIU Medicine Employee Health Nurse contact information to your phone-pager 217-492-2446. Also save the SIU Medicine Answering Service number for after hours-217-545-8000. If it after hours, on a weekend, or holiday, you will need to call the answering service and request the Infectious Disease provider on call. The SIU Medicine Employee Health Nurse should be notified the next business day.
2. If an exposure occurs, wash the area with soap and water thoroughly. If a mucous membrane splash occurs, flush the area with water for several minutes.
3. Notify your immediate supervisor in the area you are working. Then contact the individual responsible for infection control at that facility. You will be directed per the facility's exposure protocol and should follow it unless they are unsure of how to manage a medical student exposure. If there is a question, refer to the information beginning with #5 of these directions.
4. After you have been taken care of, page the SIU Medicine Employee Health Nurse at 217-492-2446. Be sure to enter your full call back number, including area code. It is imperative the infection control nurse be made aware of the exposure!!!! Please share the contact information for the facility's personnel who are managing the exposure process the SIU Medicine EHN and also provide the SIU Medicine EHN contact information to the facility.
5. Make known the labs that need to be drawn immediately from the source patient –HCVAb Rapid HIV, HBVsAg, however, the process will depend on the facility's protocol.
6. Make known the baseline labs that need to be drawn on you, the exposed individual, immediately – 4th Generation HIV Ag/Ab Combination Immunoassay, HBVAg, HCVAb, HBVsAb, Hep B Core Antibodies. This should be done under a confidential system. Your name should not be used. For any questions, contact the SIU Employee Health Nurse via the pager listed or at 217-545-8970 for non-urgent matters.
7. The SIU Medicine EHN will coordinate any additional actions or need for information with the facility personnel. The EHN will contact you with lab results in coordination with the facility and will communicate the need for any additional documentation with you. They will also coordinate any additional follow up labs or post-exposure prophylactic medication as needed.