

Exposure Information for SIU School of Medicine Students

In the event of an exposure to blood or potentially infectious body fluids, you will be asked to provide information and follow through with some action items. It is important to **KEEP THE SOURCE PATIENT WITH YOU** until you have spoken to the SIU employee health nurse.

If you're in a SIU Clinic, notify the charge nurse of your incident.

If you are at a hospital providing care to a patient, notify that hospital's employee or colleague health first so that they may order labs on the source patient; then contact SIU Employee Health via pager at 217-492-2446(7-4:30 weekdays). Enter your full call back number including area code. If it is after hours or on the weekend, call 217-545-8000 and ask for the Infectious Disease provider on call.

- St. John's Hospital: 217-544-6464, ask for Occupational Health
- Springfield Memorial Hospital: 217-788-3459

If at another hospital, ask the unit charge nurse to assist with direction.

Please try to provide the following information so that we get the most complete documentation of the event as possible. **As the one exposed you will be asked to provide the following:**

- Your name, DOB, Phone number
- The source patient Name, Date of birth, Phone Number
- Event date and time and location
- How the event occurred
- Body part affected
- What equipment or supply was involved, be specific if possible
- Fill out a sensor report

The Employee Health Team will:

- ✓ Document your exposure in your student health file
- ✓ Order labs at for you and the source patient, coordinating with the hospital if the patient is there
- ✓ Relay the lab results to you when available
- ✓ Update the source patient
- ✓ Include Infectious Disease if needed
- ✓ Take care of billing
- ✓ Answer questions and provide support

The Employee Health Nurse will review this information with you, but we understand that this is a stressful time and you may not retain all the information given to you. We available for additional questions or concerns you may have. You may reach us at 217-545-8970 or by email at EHN@siumed.edu.

Labs will typically be drawn at Springfield Memorial Hospital when appropriate. The labs include:

- HIV
- Hepatitis B Surface Antigen
- Hepatitis C Antibody
- Hepatitis B Core Antibodies
- Hepatitis B Surface Antibody

If the labs from either you or the source patient are not as expected, we will consult with SIU Infectious Disease. The physician will speak to you directly to develop a plan for further action. Additional follow up care for the exposure will then be handled through the SIU ID office as needed.