PennState Physical Plant

Program Highlights

BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this program is to prevent diseases acquired from exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to identify protective measures to be used when working around potentially infectious materials. This program applies to all OPP employees who have been identified as having the potential for exposure. (Custodial Services, Plumbers, WWTP, Utility Construction workers and emergency responders)

TRAINING

Employees that have been identified as having potential for exposure as part of their job are required to complete annual BBP training.

KEY ELEMENTS

- Employees who have been identified as having the potential for exposure are offered the Hep B vaccine at no cost.
    - Declination forms are required for anyone who was offered but declined the vaccine.
- Employees who could potentially be exposed to human blood or OPIM are considered to have occupational exposure risk even if personal protective equipment is worn.
- Universal precautions shall be used for any cleanup of potentially infectious materials.
- Custodial Services employees can clean up to a pie plate sized spill of potentially infectious materials.
- Contact EHS for any spills larger than the size of a pie plate.
- Infectious waste must be handled and disposed of properly through EHS.
- Needles and sharps must be disposed of in puncture resistant containers.

REFERENCE

Exposure Control Plan

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