



## **EXPOSURE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT FOR MSUCOM STUDENTS**

MSUCOM students who are on clinical experiences as part of the preclerkship or clerkship requirements will be expected to utilize appropriate clinical precautions and abide by applicable policies and procedures of the College and the clinical training site.

### **Training and prevention**

1. Students will complete blood-borne pathogen (BBP) training. This will be tracked as a compliancy through the Office of the Registrar.
2. Students will participate in respirator mask fit testing prior to entering clerkship.
3. Students will participate in orientation programs offered by their clerkship site, and will complete any required training and/or employee health and/or infection prevention protocols required by the site.
4. Students will utilize universal precautions in all clinical settings. Students will use appropriate personal protective equipment, and will abide by specific isolation or other precautions in place for specific patients and/or units in clinical settings.

### **Exposures: Needlestick or sharps injury**

1. Immediately wash the area with soap and water.
2. If a sharps injury/needlestick occurs in a clinical teaching site, follow the local protocol for immediate evaluation and notify the student coordinator at the site.
3. If a sharps injury/needlestick occurs in an ambulatory or other setting in which a protocol is not available, the student should go the nearest emergency room without delay.

### **Exposures: Splashes**

1. If a splash or fluid exposure occurs to the mouth, nose, mucous membranes, and/or non-intact skin, immediately rinse the area with water.
2. If a splash or fluid exposure occurs to the eyes, immediately irrigate the eyes with clean water, saline, or sterile irrigants.
3. Follow the local protocol for immediate evaluation and notify the student coordinator at the site.

**Exposures: Respiratory pathogens, including tuberculosis**

1. If a student is exposed to a patient who is known to have or is subsequently diagnosed with a respiratory pathogen, including tuberculosis, he/she should contact the site coordinator for information and instructions for evaluation.
2. Students are expected to use appropriate procedures for respiratory isolation or precautions as posted. Students may need to have updated mask fit testing if the clinical site protocols so require.

Students working in research laboratories on campus with potentially hazardous agents or materials should consult and abide by laboratory policies and procedures.

For further information about occupational exposures, treatment guidelines, and university reporting requirements, visit the MSU website at: <http://uphys.msu.edu/resources/healthcare-professional-student-information-f>.