



## POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

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### SECTION: SCHOOL NURSING

#### POLICY # 605 INFECTION CONTROL

**POLICY:** School Nurse (Central Valley Health District RN) will follow the Infection Control Plan including Universal Precautions when providing care to any student/staff whether or not the person is known to be infectious. The school nurse will also be available as a resource to the students and staff for education on the proper procedures to avoid the spread of infections and control the spreading of illness.

**PURPOSE:** Infection control is paramount in the avoidance of widespread illness in the school setting. Universal Precautions is a set of guidelines which assumes that all blood and certain other body fluids are potentially infectious.

#### PROCEDURE:

1. All school nurses will practice Universal Precautions.
  - a. All blood and body fluids will be considered potentially infectious.
2. All school nurses will follow these work practice controls:
  - a. Use of gloves when coming in contact with blood and body fluids.
  - b. Practice good hand washing techniques as per Hand Washing policy.
  - c. Management of sharps as per CVHD policy
  - d. Use of personal protective equipment:
    - i. Wear lab coat when clothing is likely to become soiled with blood or body fluids.
    - ii. If clothing becomes soiled with blood and/or body fluids, staff should change into clean clothing as soon as possible.
3. Preventive measures:
  - a. Yearly Mantoux testing will be done on all school nurses.
  - b. School nurses will be provided information on current immunization guidelines and are required to maintain up to date immunizations as outlined in the NDDoH recommendations.
4. All school nurses will be provided training and education on infection control and universal precautions on an ongoing basis as it is available. Training schedule and certificates of completion will be kept on record at CVHD.
5. School nurse will be a resource to the school staff for in-service purposes and review of proper infection control measures within the school setting.