

NORTHLAND COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS

3420P EXPOSURE TO POTENTIALLY INFECTIOUS MATERIALS

I. Release Form:

All students enrolled in a certain clinically based program at Northland Community and Technical College shall be provided a copy of and required to sign the Student Statement of Understanding and Release form. This form shall be provided to students by program faculty annually. The signed forms will be maintained by the College.

II. Incident Response and Reporting:

- (1) All students enrolled in a clinically based program at Northland shall immediately report any biohazardous exposure incident to the program instructor or clinical affiliate supervisor. A biohazardous exposure incident means a specific eye, mouth, other mucous membrane, non-intact skin, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials during the course of a student's studies or participation in a clinical course.
- (2) The College shall direct the student to seek medical attention for treatment and follow-up.
- (3) The Student shall be responsible for follow-up medical treatment as directed by the student's physician. It is recommended that the student seek referral ASAP – within hours rather than days as chemoprophylaxis may be needed. A student declining to seek medical treatment shall sign a Declination Waiver provided by the College.
- (4) The student shall complete the Northland Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Incident Report within twenty-four (24) hours after the incident.
- (5) The program instructor shall meet with the Safety Officer (or designee) for Northland to complete the State of Minnesota Incident Report and submit it to the appropriate state office within forty-eight (48) hours.
- (6) All student incident records (completed Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Incident Report forms) related to a clinically based program student exposure incident will be sent to the business office.

All Forms referenced in this policy and procedure can be found at the college Employee Central site under the heading "Health & Human Service Programs Forms."

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