

# BLOOD BORNE PATHOGENS

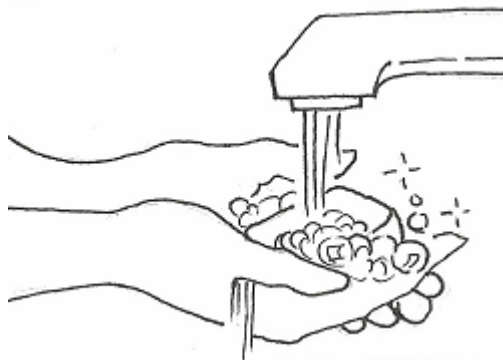
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- Blood borne pathogens are those infectious agents which are transmitted by blood, blood products, or contaminated needles.
- The principal blood borne pathogens are the HIV virus (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) and Hepatitis B and C Viruses.

## UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

Universal precautions means that we:

- Assume all blood products are potentially contaminated with HIV virus or Hepatitis B virus.
- Use gloves / protective equipment whenever handling blood or open wounds / needles
- Wash our hands thoroughly after handling wounds / blood
- Immunize ourselves against Hepatitis B virus



Wash your hands if you are in contact with blood or blood products.



Keep gloves and gauze handy !

## WHAT DO I DO IF I AM EXPOSED TO BLOOD / BLOOD PRODUCTS

- Contact your school nurse and complete an exposure form
- After hours, contact Yale Occupational Health at 203-789-5195 or 789-3392

## RESOURCES

Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/bloodbornepathogens/otherresources.html>