

## **Chapter 14**

### **Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control**

#### **14-1. General**

a. It is impossible to know the status of disease or infection of every person that employees may come in contact with while performing their jobs. The standard precautions to take when the employee is at risk of exposure to bloodborne pathogens are to wear gloves, masks, and goggles.

b. The bloodborne pathogen exposure control plan establishes minimum regulatory requirements for personnel at risk of exposure to blood, body fluids, and other potentially infectious material.

#### **14-2. Scope**

Personnel identified to be at risk of exposure to blood, body fluids and other potentially infectious materials by virtue of their occupations are in the MEDDAC Reg 385-1 paragraph 5(a).

#### **14-3. Responsibilities**

a. The Infection Control Committee of Kenner Army Health Clinic is proponent for the bloodborne pathogen exposure control plan for the installation.

b. The Installation Safety Office will assist the Infection Control Committee in determining requirements for PPE and environmental controls.

c. Supervisors, as needed, will:

(1) Enforce the use of Universal Precautions/Body Fluid Isolations and PPE for exposed personnel.

(2) Validate the status of Hepatitis B vaccination of all potentially exposed personnel and ensure they either complete the vaccination series or sign a Vaccination Refusal Form listed in MEDDAC Reg 385-1. Forward completed form to Preventive Medicine Services.

(3) Provide exposed personnel with annual training. Maintain training records and forward a copy to the Infection Control Practitioner.

(4) Perform Job Hazard Analyses on tasks in which personnel may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and write a task-specific SOP or guidelines to decrease exposure risk.

(5) Take appropriate disciplinary action when personnel do not use PPE or environmental controls or fail to perform according to the SOP guidelines.

d. Personnel, as needed, will:

(1) Follow the engineering and work practice controls referenced MEDDAC Reg 385-1.

(2) Use Universal Precautions /Body Fluid Isolation, PPE, environmental controls during tasks in which exposure might occur.

(3) Comply with training and vaccination requirements. Civilian personnel electing not to receive the Hepatitis B Vaccination series will sign the Hepatitis B Vaccination Refusal Form. Personnel who refuse the initial vaccine may change their decision and receive the vaccine at any time as long as they are still considered at risk.

(4) Immediately inform the supervisor of events involving exposure to body fluids and go to Kenner Army Health Clinic (KAHC).