

INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPAC)

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IPAC - BEFORE & ARRIVING CLINIC

Before Clinic

- Employee Screening tool
- Car pooling

Arriving at the Clinic

- PPE (well fitted mask and goggles/face shield)
- Setting up clinic – lay out to include physical distancing

IPAC – DURING CLINIC

- Monitor clients to ensure there is physical distancing when able and ensuring clients are wearing proper PPE while in clinic.
- Staff may have to make accommodations for clients that are unable to wear PPE or practice physical distancing.
- Ask all students who enter the clinic area to wear a mask.
- Cleaning and disinfecting of all touched surfaces after each client.

IPAC – AFTER CLINIC

- Clean and disinfect all surfaces used for immunization clinic before leaving.
- Clean and disinfect all equipment that was used and can be wiped before packing it back into bins.
- Ensure nothing is left behind including garbage.
- Clean and disinfect cooler after use.
- Full sharps containers (3/4 full is full) should be closed and locked.
- Sharps containers that are not full are transported partially locked.
- All sharps containers (full or partial) are transported in large rubber maid bins (marked “Biohazard”). Rubber maid bin lids are secured with bungee cords.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

Use Optim wipes to:

- Clean and disinfect surfaces used for immunizations at arrival.
- Includes tables, chairs, and any other common touched surfaces.

Steps for Cleaning and Disinfecting Surfaces

- Wear gloves when handling wipes.
- Clean surfaces first using friction to remove visible dirt.
- Use a second wipe and allow surface to remain wet for 1 minute.
- Allow surface to air dry.
- Dispose of gloves.

INJURY ON DUTY

If you are injured while working at the clinic, notify the coordinator immediately.

Various types of injuries:

- Over exertion/repetitive stress
- Patient handling activities (assisting a fainting client)
- Needle stick injury (clean or used needle stick is an injury)

What to do when injured

- inform reporting manager or have the coordinator call the manager
- depending on the immediate injury (clean the cut, ice the area, elevate, call 911 for ambulance assistance, go to the emergency department)
- for injuries requiring health care assessment/treatment – need WSIB forms completed by HCP and submitted to human resources
- Complete incident report form and submit to your reporting manager.

[Policy : Injury on Duty](#)



NEEDLESTICK INJURY

Follow these steps for needlestick injuries:

- Immediately allow the wound to bleed freely – do not apply pressure to stop the bleeding
- Wash the wound and injured area well with soap and water. Antiseptics and disinfectants are not recommended.
- Call Dr. Colin Lee for assessment and recommendations.
- Request HCP complete WSIB and MBTA forms. They are in envelopes in coordinator bins.
- Report to your reporting manager or ask the coordinator to report on your behalf.
- Complete SMDHU Employee Incident form
- Call SMDHU Sexual health nurse if any questions about the injury or completing the MBTA forms. (extension 8376)

MANDATORY BLOOD TESTING ACT

The [Mandatory Blood Testing Act](#) (MBTA) allows eligible persons (the “Applicant”) to apply (within 7 days after being exposed) to the Medical Officer of Health to have a blood sample of another person whose bodily substance they have come into contact with (the “Respondent”) tested for HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C.

This reduces the time it takes to get results and allows individuals to make informed decisions about treatment that help to prevent them from getting sick.

The Act applies to nurses, physicians, paramedics (and respective students), firefighters, police, those working in corrections, those providing emergency health care services or emergency first aid.

MBTA CONTINUED

1. While seeking out medical attention, inform the health care provider that you would like to apply for the Mandatory Blood Testing Act. The physician will need to fill out [Form 1 – Physician Report Pursuant to the Mandatory Blood Testing Act, 2006.](#)
2. You, the applicant, will need to fill out [Form 2 – Applicant Report Pursuant to the Mandatory Blood Testing Act, 2006.](#)
3. Once both are filled out, the two forms must be submitted together to the Health Unit where you live within 7 days of the incident.

QUESTIONS?
