

SANITARY CLEANUP AND DISPOSAL

Hygienic procedures should be practiced by all school personnel when disposing of human secretions and excretions including blood, feces, semen, urine and vomit since they may contain infectious agents capable of spreading disease.

A. The steps listed below should be followed in all such cleanup situations since carriers of infectious or contagious diseases are often undetected. The procedures are not intended to replace basic common sense principles of health and hygiene.

1. Wear disposable gloves when cleaning up blood. Gloves may be used for aesthetic reasons when cleaning up other spills. Individuals with non-intact skin (dermatitis, chapped hands, cuts, abrasions) should use gloves when handling all body fluids.
2. Sprinkle the spill with absorbent chlorine powder as soon as possible.
3. Wipe up the spill with disposable paper towels or rags or with a scoop and brush.
4. Clean the surface with a cleaning agent appropriate for the surface.
5. Spray the surface with a hospital grade disinfectant labeled "tuberculocidal."
6. If assisting a person with a bloody nose or wound, have him/her apply the barrier, if possible. If direct assistance is necessary, disposable gloves should be worn and the blood should be removed with disposable paper towels, gauze or rags. The exposed skin should be cleaned with an appropriate antiseptic (alcohol, iodine, etc.) and a leak proof dressing applied, if appropriate.
7. Scoops or implements to be reused should be washed and sprayed with disinfectant.

B. When changing diapers, disposable gloves will be used. After use, the cleansing materials, gloves and soiled diapers will be secured in plastic bags, tied and disposed of in a sanitary disposal site.

C. Soiled clothing or personal items will be bagged and sent home with the child, not cleaned or rinsed at the school.

D. Using the following procedures, wash hands immediately after completing the cleaning and disinfecting process.

1. Wet hands and apply antiseptic soap.
2. Rub hands together vigorously for at least 15-30 seconds, paying particular attention to finger tips, nails and jewelry.