

UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS

As a school department RSU 23 will adhere to Universal Precautions when dealing with injuries in order to prevent contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials. All blood or other potentially infectious material will be considered infectious regardless of the perceived status of the source individual. Gloves will be used when direct hand contact with body fluids is anticipated (treating bloody noses, bandaging cuts or cleaning up bloody spills, etc...)

Teachers will follow the usual first aid procedures when they are in the classroom or on playground duty. Teachers will refer a student to the nurse's office for treatment and evaluation, unless it is an emergency situation, then they will call for assistance.

Teachers will take gloves and gauze with them when they are on playground duty in case of an accident involving a bodily fluid spill (i.e. cut, bloody nose) and will use gloves for protection. All used gauze, tissues, and gloves will be placed in a plastic bag and returned to the clinic for disposal.

After removing gloves, teachers will use proper hand washing procedures: use soap and water and vigorously wash under a stream of running water for approximately 10 seconds.

Custodians will be informed if there is a bodily fluids spill, so that they can clean the area according to guidelines.

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