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This policy applies to NTX Laboratory employees.

# DEFINITIONS

When used in this Policy these terms have the following meaning:

**Standard Precautions** (formerly referred to as Universal Precautions): An approach to Infection Control that mandates that all human blood and other body fluids are treated as if known to be infectious for HIV, HBV and other bloodborne pathogens.

**PPE:** personal protective equipment

**NTX:** North Texas

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| NTX Laboratories will have a documented infection control plan that complies with the OSHA Standard on occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens, and to the facility’s exposure control plan.  The plan will include the following elements:   * PPE instruction * Policies and procedures for handling needles and sharps * Policy prohibiting smoking, eating, drinking, applying cosmetics and lip balm, manipulating contact lenses and mouth pipetting in all technical areas. * Procedures for the procurement, transportation and handling of patient specimens to ensure that all specimens are submitted in an appropriately labeled and well-constructed container with a secure lid to prevent leakage during transport. * Procedures for pneumatic tube system must include packaging, spill response and appropriate decontamination. * Procedures for handling spills of blood or other body fluids * Policy defining the Hepatitis B vaccination program * Policy for viral exposure follow-up |

# PROCEDURE

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| Ensure that training and documentation complies with the policies and procedures outlined by the BSWH Infection Prevention and Control Policies for Bloodborne Pathogens as reference below, to include at minimum:   * Maintaining and providing all necessary personal protective equipment (PPE). * Maintaining engineering controls (i.e. sharps containers) labels and bags. * Ensuring adequate supplies are available in the appropriate sizes. * Providing departmental specific education regarding the Exposure Control Plan. * Maintaining an awareness of what personnel require training. * Maintaining appropriate training documentation (records must be kept 5 years). * Working closely with the Infection Control/Epidemiology to assist in implementation of the Exposure Control Plan. |  |

# ATTACHMENTS

None.

# RELATED DOCUMENTS

BHCS Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan (BHCS.IPC.28.P)

# REFERENCES

Laboratory General Checklist, College of American Pathologists

Bloodborne Pathogens Standard, 29CFR1910.1030 OSHA

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