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Processing SOP Manual

PURPOSE:

To give introductory knowledge on Bloodborne Pathogens and the risk of exposure in the workplace.

SCOPE:

Processing Department, BBPL Company

RESPONSIBILITY:

All processors are responsible for reading, understanding, and competently performing this procedure.

EQUIPMENT: None

SUPPLIES: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

PROCEDURE:

The proper use of PPE's will lower the chances of exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens.

- 1. Bloodborne Pathogens are infectious agents that can be transmitted through contact with infected blood or other potentially infected materials.
- 2. Universal Precautions must always be used.
 - a. Treat all blood and other potentially infected materials as contaminated.
- 3. Properly use PPE and follow all safety precautions at all times.
- 4. Heed warning and precaution signs
- 5. Be aware that the Hepatitis B vaccine is recommended, and provided free of charge to employees
- Clean and decontaminate countertops and work areas on at least a daily basis using disinfectant or 10% bleach
 - a. Follow manufacturer instructions for disinfectant
 - b. Allow bleach to sit on the surface for at least 60 seconds
 - c. Wear PPE when cleaning and disinfecting
- 7. If there is a spill of blood or other potentially infected materials, DO NOT mop or wipe up the fluid
 - a. Use absorbent material to soak up as much as possible and dispose of in appropriate biohazard containers
 - b. Decontaminate the area
- 8. Properly dispose of PPE and any contaminated items

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- 9. Any possible exposure need be reported immediately to the coordinator or supervisor.
 - a. If an exposure occurs when you come in contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials through the eyes, mouth, nose, non-intact skin, cut/puncture, needle stick:
 - i. Immediately flush the area with water. Use the eye wash if needed
 - ii. Clean the wound with soap and water
 - iii. Report the incident immediately to the supervisor
 - iv. With the supervisor's assistance, determine if medical need is needed.

REFERENCES:

RELATED DOCUMENTS: Personal Protective Equipment SOP

APPENDIXES: N/A