

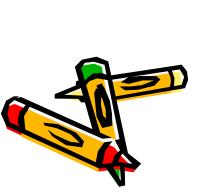
## Universal Precautions/ Blood Bourne Pathogens

· Required Annual Training



· Poem by Jacki O'Donnell, RN

Tis the day before school starts and it's time once again, to tell you the story of Blood Bourne Pathogens.



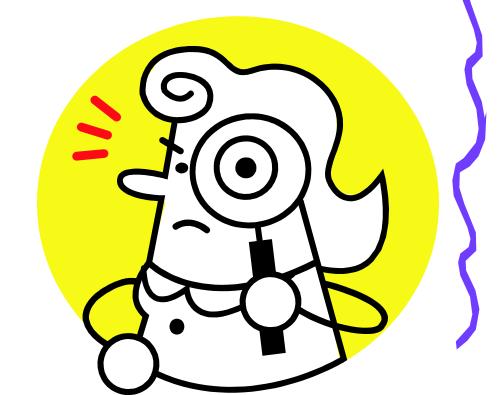


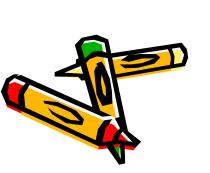
For OSHA does mandate that we meet here each year and review, once again what you all need to hear.





There are strong viruses that are too small to see that cause Hepatitis or AIDS-HIV.





They live in the bloodstream of Whom? We can't tell. For those who are infected may look perfectly well!



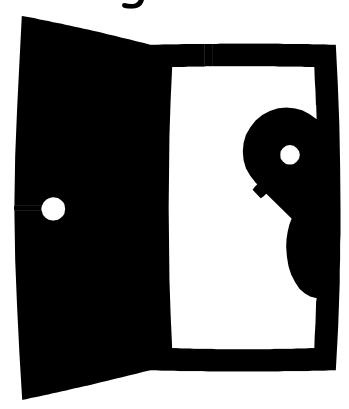


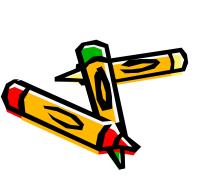
Can't get them from kissing or giving a hug or face-to-face contact or sharing a mug.





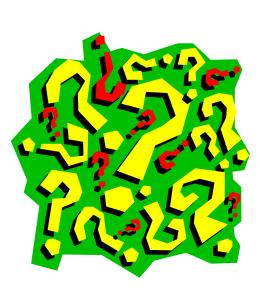
A portal of entry, a break in the skin, or exposed mucous membranes can let these germs in.

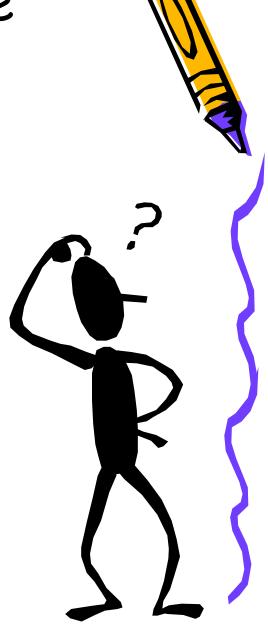




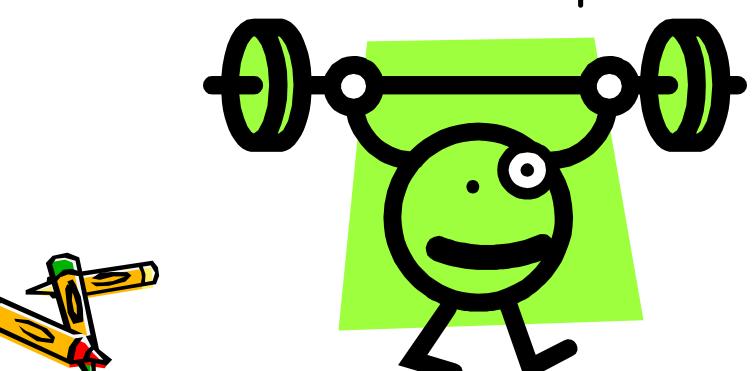
But if there's exposure and blood interflows will you get infected? Well, nobody knows.





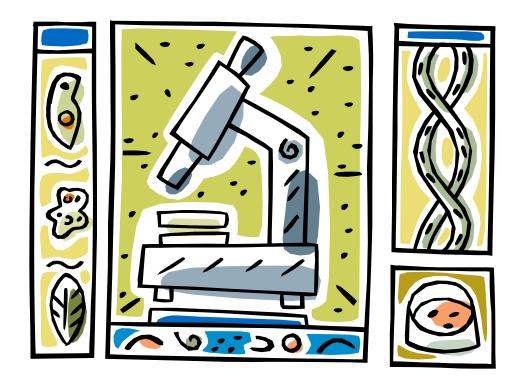


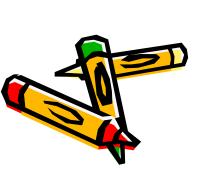
The Hepatitis virus is virile, you see, with a vaccine for "B-type" but no cure for Hep-C



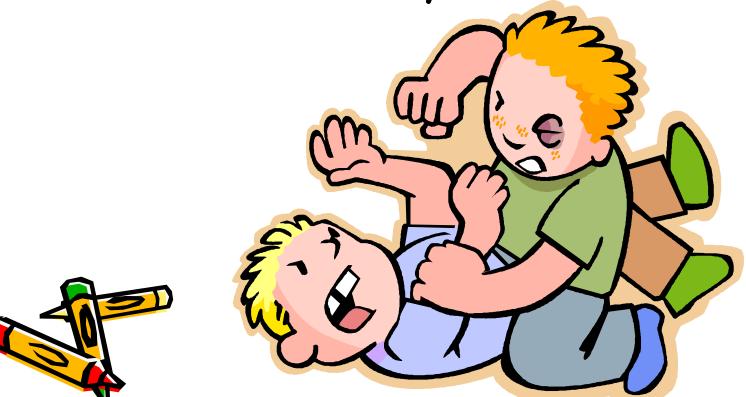


HIV is the weaker but a cause for concern for as of now, it is fatal, though there's much more to learn.





And in the school setting there's a risk of a bleed from a fight or an injury. So what do you need?







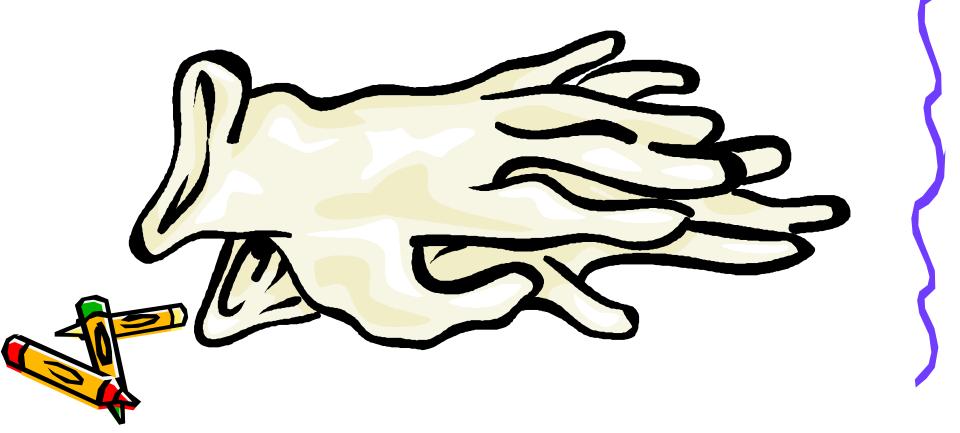
UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS which means you must view all body fluids as harmful to you.





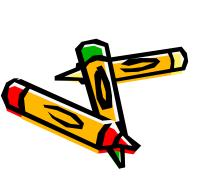


To avoid ALL exposure with ANYONE'S blood, a good way to do this: by wearing your gloves!



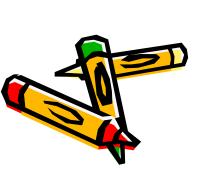
Keep a pair in your pocket, your briefcase, your purse.
Where do you get them?
From your friendly School Nurse!





Wear them when blood's present to protect your hand's skin from any pathogens and to not let germs in.





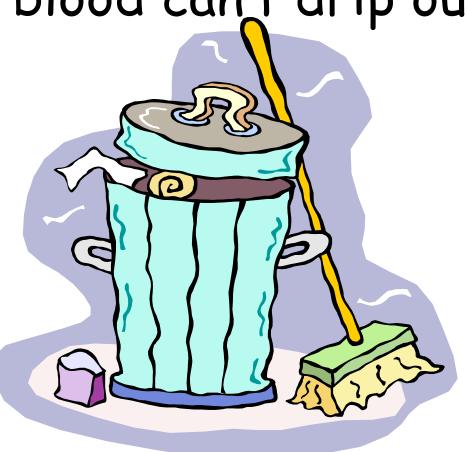
Remove the gloves carefully do not snap them off, for the latex inside them may cause some to cough.

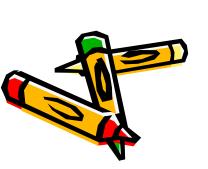






First one, then the other removed inside out, then thrown in the garbage so the blood can't drip out.





Then go wash your hands fifteen seconds or more with soap and warm water and be reasonably sure....



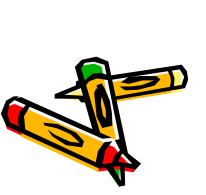








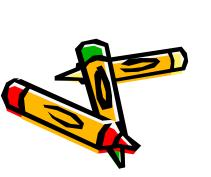
...go on Hepatitis!
Pass by HIV!
For I am protectedyou can't infect me!





And so that's my message we end it right here.
Go forth and be safe now, and I'll see you next year.





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