

**PATTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**EPS Code: JHCC-R-2**

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**PROCEDURE FOR DISINFECTING AREAS AFFECTED BY BLOOD OR BODY FLUIDS**

At a minimum, soiled surfaces should be promptly cleaned with disinfectants, such as household bleach (diluted one part bleach to nine parts water). Disposable towels or tissues should be used wherever possible and mops should be rinsed with the disinfectant. Those who are cleaning should avoid exposure of open skin lesions or mucous membranes to the blood and body fluids and should use rubber or other protective gloves, and practice universal precautions.

Universal precautions should be practiced at all times. One should be properly protected when in contact with infectious waste. Gloves should be worn if any contact is possible. They can be obtained in the nurse's office or custodial supervisor's office. If splattering is likely, goggles, gowns, and masks should be worn to prevent unnecessary exposure.

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