

**246.71 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** For purposes of sections 246.71 to 246.722, the following terms have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. **Blood-borne pathogens.** "Blood-borne pathogens" means pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Subd. 3. **Patient.** "Patient" means any person who is receiving treatment from or committed to a secure treatment facility.

Subd. 4. **Employee of a secure treatment facility or employee.** "Employee of a secure treatment facility" or "employee" means an employee of the Minnesota Security Hospital or a secure treatment facility operated by the Minnesota sex offender program.

Subd. 5. **Secure treatment facility.** "Secure treatment facility" means the Minnesota Security Hospital and the Minnesota sex offender program facility in Moose Lake and any portion of the Minnesota sex offender program operated by the Minnesota sex offender program at the Minnesota Security Hospital.

Subd. 6. **Significant exposure.** "Significant exposure" means contact likely to transmit a blood-borne pathogen, in a manner supported by the most current guidelines and recommendations of the United States Public Health Service at the time an evaluation takes place, that includes:

(1) percutaneous injury, contact of mucous membrane or nonintact skin, or prolonged contact of intact skin; and

(2) contact, in a manner that may transmit a blood-borne pathogen, with blood, tissue, or potentially infectious body fluids.

**History:** 2000 c 422 s 40; 1Sp2003 c 14 art 6 s 32,33