

**241.33 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Scope of definitions.** For purposes of sections 241.33 to 241.342, 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. **Correctional facility.** "Correctional facility" means a state or local correctional facility.

Subd. 4. **Corrections employee.** "Corrections employee" means an employee of a state or local correctional agency.

Subd. 5. **Inmate.** "Inmate" means an individual who is in the custody or under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of corrections or a local correctional authority and is confined in a state or local correctional facility either before or after conviction.

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.

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