

**144.7414 PROTOCOLS FOR EXPOSURE TO BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS.**

Subdivision 1. **EMS agency requirements.** The emergency medical services agency shall have procedures for an emergency medical services person to notify a facility that the person may have experienced a significant exposure from a source individual. The emergency medical services agency shall also have a protocol to locate the source individual if the facility has not received the source individual and the emergency medical services agency knows the source individual's identity.

Subd. 2. **Facility protocol requirements.** Every facility shall adopt and follow a postexposure protocol for emergency medical services persons who have experienced a significant exposure. The postexposure protocol must adhere to the most current recommendations of the United States Public Health Service and include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) a process for emergency medical services persons to report an exposure in a timely fashion;
- (2) a process for an infectious disease specialist, or a licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who is knowledgeable about the most current recommendations of the United States Public Health Service in consultation with an infectious disease specialist, (i) to determine whether a significant exposure to one or more blood-borne pathogens has occurred and (ii) to provide, under the direction of a licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant, a recommendation or recommendations for follow-up treatment appropriate to the particular blood-borne pathogen or pathogens for which a significant exposure has been determined;
- (3) if there has been a significant exposure, a process to determine whether the source individual has a blood-borne pathogen through disclosure of test results, or through blood collection and testing as required by sections 144.7401 to 144.7415;
- (4) a process for providing appropriate counseling prior to and following testing for a blood-borne pathogen regarding the likelihood of blood-borne pathogen transmission and follow-up recommendations according to the most current recommendations of the United States Public Health Service, recommendations for testing, and treatment to the emergency medical services person;
- (5) a process for providing appropriate counseling under clause (4) to the emergency medical services person and the source individual; and
- (6) compliance with applicable state and federal laws relating to data practices, confidentiality, informed consent, and the patient bill of rights.

**History:** 2000 c 422 s 17; 2020 c 115 art 4 s 51; 2022 c 58 s 57