



PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

HEPATITIS "B" POLICY STATEMENT

It is recommended that institutions should make Hepatitis "B" vaccine available to those employees whose job responsibilities associated with athletic events and/or facilities may place them at high risk to exposure to bloodborne pathogens. Such personnel could include, but not be limited to, athletics trainers (professional and student), coaches, law enforcement personnel, custodians, equipment managers, laundry workers and maintenance personnel.

It is recommended that each institution in conjunction with its medical staff insure compliance with respect to taking universal precautions to limit exposure to blood borne pathogens through the development of comprehensive education programs and operating procedures for all individuals, employees and/or students, whose job responsibilities and/or activities are associated with athletics or athletic facilities and may place them at risk to exposure to blood borne pathogens. Education programs should be comprehensive and include information about actions that place individuals at risk, the dangers associated with such risks, behaviors to minimize risks, procedures to follow when dealing with situations or materials that might be considered infectious or at-risk, and actions to follow if exposed to infectious materials (e.g. blood, other body fluids, equipment/facilities).

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