

Evans Bay Intermediate School

INFECTION CONTROL POLICY

Principles

Evans Bay Intermediate School ensures that in all incidents involving blood correct procedures will be used as per the Ministry of Education Guidelines on HIV Aids and other Blood Borne Viruses.

All incidents involving other body fluids will be treated in the same way as per blood borne viruses.

Infection control kits will be available in all classes and also the administration area. Students will be taught as part of the school health programme, about the school procedures.

Procedures

1. Before treating anyone, make sure any cuts or abrasions are covered with a waterproof dressing.
2. Wear gloves for all procedures.
3. Don't delay treatment of someone who is bleeding under any circumstances because gloves are not available. Use an absorbent barrier such as a towel, paper towel, handkerchief etc for any active bleeding.
4. Dispose of used gloves, soiled dressings in a place where they will not be handled in bags which are burnt.
5. Wipe clean and then sterilise all surfaces and instruments contaminated. Make sure you use an effective disinfectant. eg 1 part household bleach to 9 parts water.
6. Soak surfaces for 20 minutes and then wipe dry. Prepare a fresh solution immediately before you use it.
7. Wash hands thoroughly when you have finished. Hand washing is usually adequate for non-blood secretions, but the above precautions can also be used.
8. Ensure that first aid kits include disposable gloves, disposable wipes or towels, plastic bags for waste, a skin disinfectant and bleach solution with instructions for use.

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