



Indian River State College

Post-Exposure Protocol

If an individual, employee, or student, experiences a needle stick or sharps injury, or is exposed to the blood or other body fluid of a patient during the course of class, laboratory, or clinical coursework, the individual must immediately follow these steps.

1. Provide immediate care after exposure by taking the following steps:
 - Wash needlestick or sharp punctures and cuts with soap and water.
 - Flush splashes to the nose, mouth, or skin with water.
 - Irrigate eyes with clean water, saline, or sterile irrigants.
 - Report the incident to your supervisor.
2. Notify the appropriate instructor or supervisor immediately.
3. Complete a FCSRMC Accident-Incident Report form and an AG Student Accident Claim Form. The clinical instructor can assist with this process.
4. The FCSRMC Accident-Incident Report form and an AG Student Accident Claim Form should be forwarded to the IRSC Office of Facilities-Risk Management.
5. Immediately seek medical care at the hospital, clinical site or exposure site as soon as possible.
 - Further treatment, which may include, but is not limited to: HIV/HBV/HCV screening and possible post-exposure prophylaxis, will be determined by the healthcare provider.
 - The exposed person may opt to see their own healthcare provider for treatment.
6. Inform the hospital/clinic at which the individual is treated that the exposed individual's insurance will be billed as primary payment for the care received. The IRSC student accident coverage may provide secondary payment. Secondary payment is not guaranteed. All bills must be submitted to the IRSC Office of Facilities-Risk Management Office for payment consideration.