

Department of Chemistry and Physics
Policy on Blood Borne Pathogen Policy
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In the event of any emergency, contact Public Safety at 912-344-3333. If followed, the measures listed below ensure that the risk of transmission of blood borne pathogens during school activities remains extremely low:

1. The injured student should perform his/her own wound care whenever possible. Gloves should be used by persons providing care. Other students should not be asked to assist in controlling a bleeding injury, clean blood contaminated environmental surfaces, or handle contaminated materials.
2. Lacerations or wounds with substantial bleeding (more than superficial scratches or small lacerations), should be treated promptly. Blood on the skin of the injured student and on that of other students should be washed off thoroughly with soap and water or with premoistened towelettes. The injured student should be permitted to return to the activity only after the wound has been securely covered or wrapped.
3. Disposable toweling should be used to clean all environmental surfaces when blood is present. The surface should then be cleaned with a 10% household bleach solution (1 part household bleach mixed with 9 parts of water) mixed within 24 hours of use. Surfaces should be allowed to dry sufficiently to prevent possible injuries due to slipping during subsequent activities.
Discard all soiled cleaning materials in a leak-proof plastic bag. Dispose of this bag in the biological waste receptacle in SC 2301.
4. Fill out an incident report and file it in the Chemistry Main Office.