

BODY FLUIDS

A Body Fluid Policy has been adopted by the Faith School District to help in preventing the spread of significant and infectious diseases.

When possible direct skin contact with body fluids should be avoided. Each staff member will be given a pair of disposable rubber gloves at the beginning of the school year and after they are used once, the gloves should be thrown away in a lined trash can and a new pair should be picked up. Disposable gloves will be available at either the Secondary or Elementary Principal's Office, from the Athletic Director or from the Custodian. The disposable gloves are to be used when direct hand contact with body fluids is anticipated.

The following secretions or excretions can contain contagious disease spreading germs: blood, saliva, nasal discharges, tears, vomit, urine or feces. Extreme care is urged when coming in contact with the above-mentioned body fluids.

In situations where unanticipated skin contact with body fluids occurs and disposable gloves are unavailable, hands or other affected skin areas of all exposed persons should be washed with soap and water, rinsed, and dried with a disposable paper towel and the towels disposed of in plastic garbage sacks.

An intermediate level disinfectant should be used to clean surfaces contaminated with body fluids. The disinfectant should be registered by the Environmental Protection Agency for use as a disinfectant in medical facilities and hospitals.

Some examples of disinfectants should be of the following classes:

- A. Ethyl or isopropyl alcohol (70%)
- B. Phenolic germicidal detergent in a 1% aqueous solution (e.g. Lysol)
- C. Sodium hypochlorite solution (household bleach), 1 part bleach to 10 parts water. The mixture needs to be prepared each time used.
- D. Janitorial disinfectants that meet the qualifications.