



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA - RISK MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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TITLE: Communicable Disease Policy for the City of Philadelphia

Employees who are exposed to communicable diseases in the course of their job duties and develop those diseases are covered under the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act and the Civil Service Regulation 32 Injured-on-Duty program for those diseases. The goal of these programs is to ensure that communicable disease concerns are promptly addressed.

Employees exposed to blood and body fluids should follow precautions set forth in the Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan.

Employees exposed to tuberculosis should follow guidelines set forth in the Tuberculosis Exposure Control Plan.

All Departments (except Fire Dept.)

All employees who have an exposure on the job to a potentially infectious agent should be referred to Jeanes or Hahnemann Hospitals for evaluation and treatment.

The contact at Jeanes Hospital is Dr. Stephanie Kao at (215) 728-2020 and the emergency room number at Jeanes is 215-728-2169. The contact at Hahnemann Hospital is Dr. Francis Burke at (215) 762-8525 and the emergency room number at Hahnemann is 215-762-7963.

Fire Department only

Fire Department paramedics and fire fighters who have a question about his/her exposure to a potentially infectious agent should contact the department's designated Exposure Control Officer (ECO) at 215-686-1359 during normal business hours. For 24-hour availability, the ECO can be reached at 215-906-3002. If the employee's exposure to a potentially infectious agent is determined by the designated ECO to be an occupationally significant exposure, the ECO will contact the Occupational Medicine Clinic or Emergency Department at Jeanes Hospital to coordinate any necessary evaluation, treatment, and follow-up of an employee's exposure. The ECO will also coordinate the transfer of information relating to the source patient as outlined by Section 411 of the Ryan White CARE Act, which relates to emergency response employees.

Police Department – (Emergency Response Employee & Source Patient Information)

The Police Department's designated Exposure Control Officer will coordinate the transfer of information relating to the source patient as outlined by Section 411 of the Ryan White CARE Act, which relates to emergency response employees. The ECO can be contacted through Police Radio at 215-686-3128.