

STUDENT PERSONNEL

AIDS Policy

AIDS is transmitted through blood and semen and not spread by casual contact. Saliva and tears have not resulted in transmission of the AIDS virus. Therefore there is no known risk of transmission to co-workers, clients, or consumers from HTLV-III/LAV-infected workers in other settings (e.g., offices, schools, factories, construction sites). Workers known to be infected should not be restricted from work solely based on this finding. Moreover, they should not be restricted from using telephones, office equipment, toilets, showers, eating facilities, and water fountains.

Therefore:

1. Routine HTLV-III/LAV antibody screening is not recommended.
2. Employees known to have contracted AIDS should not be restricted from work unless their physical health prohibits them from fulfilling their normal duties or unless they are in contact with children having open wounds or prone to biting.
3. Drinking fountains and bathrooms will be germicidically cleaned with bleach on a regular basis.
4. All toys will be disinfected after each use.
5. A program will be set up to familiarize employees with causes, transmission and prevention.

Recommendations for employees working with students infected should include:

1. Children diagnosed as having AIDS, or with laboratory evidence of infection with the AIDS associated virus (HTLV-III/LAV), and receiving medical attention are able to attend classes in an unrestricted educational setting. Siblings of infected children are able to attend school without restriction.
2. An appropriate alternative educational plan which may include a more restricted environment should be provided for the child diagnosed as having AIDS or laboratory evidence of infection with the HTLV-III/LAV virus if:
 - A. Cutaneous (skin) eruptions or weeping lesions that cannot be covered are present.
 - B. Inappropriate behavior which increases the likelihood of transmission (i.e., biting or incontinence) is exhibited.
 - C. The child is too ill to attend school.

3. Since the child diagnosed as having AIDS or with laboratory evidence of infection with the AIDS associated virus (HTLV-III/LAV) has a somewhat greater risk of encountering infections in the school setting, the child should be excluded from school if there is an outbreak of a threatening communicable disease such as chicken pox or measles until he/she is properly treated and/or the outbreak is no longer a threat to the child.
4. Blood or any other body fluids including vomitus and fecal or urinary incontinence in any child should be treated appropriately. It is required that disposable rubber gloves be used when cleaning up any body fluids.
 - A. Spills should be cleaned up, the affected area washed with soap and water and disinfected with bleach (one part bleach to ten parts water), or another approved disinfectant.
 - B. All disposable materials, including gloves and diapers, should be discarded into a plastic bag before discarding in a conventional trash system. The mop should also be disinfected with the bleach solution described in 4A.
 - C. Toys and other personal non-disposable items should be cleaned with soap and water followed by disinfection with the bleach solution before passing to another person. A normal laundry cycle is adequate for other non-disposable items.
 - D. Persons involved in the clean-up should wash their hands afterward.

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