Indian River State College  
Post-Exposure Protocol

All students must make an appointment with the IRSC Health & Wellness Coordinator immediately following a bloodborne pathogens exposure (obtained via needle stick, splash to eye, puncture with a contaminated sharp object or through mucus membrane contact). After-hour exposure must be reported as soon as possible.

If the exposure occurs off the Main Campus, the injured person should:

- Notify the appropriate instructor or supervisor as soon as possible.
- Obtain emergency treatment at the hospital, clinical site or exposure site.
- Contact the Health & Wellness Center via telephone (462-7825) and report the injury to the Health & Wellness staff, as soon as possible.
- Following emergency treatment and notification of the College, be treated by a physician for possible bloodborne pathogen exposure. The IRSC Health & Wellness Center coordinates the medical treatment required after accidental exposure.
- Fill out an incident/accident report. The Health & Wellness staff and/or clinical instructor can assist with this process.
- After obtaining essential information for incident report and administration of emergency care, be referred by the Health & Wellness Coordinator or attending physician for baseline testing, which may include, but is not limited to HIV/HBV/HCV screening.
- Receive a Physician Information Form and Post Exposure Report from the Health & Wellness Center and must submit it to the physician at the office, clinic or hospital.
  - Further treatment will be determined by the physician.
  - The exposed person may opt to see their own physician for treatment.
- Inform the hospital/clinic at which the student is treated that the exposed person’s insurance will be billed as primary payment for the care received. IRSC will provide secondary payment. All bills should be submitted to the Risk Management Office.

Note: If the exposure occurs at a time when the Health & Wellness Center is closed, the supervisor or instructor must assure that the exposed person receives immediate medical treatment at the closest medical facility. The Health & Wellness Coordinator will follow-up with the student and attending physician and maintain confidential records of necessary follow-up testing and treatment. Students are encouraged to follow through with appropriate recommended treatment. The Health & Wellness Coordinator is responsible for verifying that the initial medical treatment and any recommended follow-up treatment is carried out.