

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Response

1. Provide Immediate Care to Exposure Site

- Wash wound (needlestick/cut) with soap and water
- Irrigate eyes with clean water, saline, or sterile wash
- Flush mucous membranes (nose/mouth) with water

2. Notify Immediate Supervisor

- (Students) [Accident/Injury Near Miss Report](#) within 24 hours.
- (Employee) [Complete WCI First Report of Injury](#) within 24 hours.

3. Obtain a sample of the Source Patients' blood for analysis.

4. Seek Medical Attention within **2 hours** at the following locations:

a. Students

UT Health RGV Student Health Services

Edinburg Campus

613 North Sugar Road
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956) 665-2511
healthservices@utrgv.edu

Brownsville Campus

2560 FJRM Ave.
Brownsville, Texas 78520
(956) 882-3896
healthservices@utrgv.edu

24-Hour Nurse Advice Line (855) 810-4457

(After hours) *Seek care at any local emergency room or urgent care facility*

Note: Students are prohibited from participating in clinical rotations unless documentation that proof of adherence to the procedures is demonstrated.

b. Employees

UT Health RGV Employee Health

Edinburg Campus

613 North Sugar Road
Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956) 296-1731

Harlingen Campus

2106 Treasure Hills Blvd. #1.326
Harlingen, Texas 78550
(956) 296-1519

Brownsville Campus

2560 FJRM Ave.
Brownsville, Texas 78520
(956) 882-3896
healthservices@utrgv.edu

(After hours) *Seek care at any local emergency room or urgent care facility*

- 5. Provide the following information to healthcare provider**
 - a. Description of employee's duties related to exposure incident
 - b. Documentation of route(s) and circumstances of the exposure
 - c. Results of source individual's blood testing (if available)
 - d. All pertinent medical records/vaccination records relevant to the appropriate treatment of the employee
- 6. Exposure will be evaluated by Trained Health Care Professional and a decision will be made regarding administration of Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP)**
 - a. Exposure (percutaneous, mucous membrane, non-intact skin or bite)
 - b. Substance (blood, fluids containing visible blood, OPIM)
 - c. Source Patient status (presence of HIV, HBV, HCV antibodies)
 - d. Your susceptibility (HIV antibody, HBV immune status, anti-HCV and ALT)
- 7. Administer Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) if warranted**
- 8. Comply with Follow-up testing recommended by Health Care Professional**