Chapter 46: Blood-borne Pathogens

Quick Start Summary

1 Who needs to know about these requirements

The requirements of Blood-borne Pathogens apply to workers, supervisors, and the blood-borne pathogens program manager; subcontractors, Occupational Health, Human Resources Development and Services, and Stanford University.

2 Why

Cuts and lacerations, and other accidents, injuries, and illness, may expose workers to blood-borne pathogens either during the course of their daily work or during response to an emergency. Exposure to blood-borne pathogens is a serious threat to worker safety. To combat this threat, regulations (8 CCR 5193) require the preparation of an exposure control plan (ECP). This chapter constitutes the ECP for SLAC. It demonstrates our commitment to providing a safe and healthful work environment.

3 What do I need to know

Workers at risk of exposure must complete training, use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), follow housekeeping and disposal requirements, report exposure incidents immediately, and cooperate with Occupational Health in post-exposure evaluation.

For SLAC employees, Occupational Health performs all medical actions required by the standard, maintains appropriate employee health records, and makes them available to the employee upon request within 15 working days.

4 When

These requirements take effect 8 December 2021.

5 Where do I find more information

SLAC Environment, Safety, and Health Manual (SLAC-I-720-0A29Z-001)

- Chapter 46, “Blood-borne Pathogens”

Or contact the program manager.