

# LOS PINOS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE



TITLE	NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	REVISION DATE
INFECTION CONTROL – POST EXPOSURE PROTOCOLS	513	December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2009	

Any member exposed to potentially infectious material will immediately wash the exposed area with soap and water, alcohol based hand cleaner, or saline wash if the eyes are involved.

Any member having an occupational communicable disease exposure will immediately (within 2 hours) report the exposure to the shift Captain. Needle stick injuries will be reported to the Shift Captain immediately, and as soon as possible to the Duty Chief and EMS Director.

The member will complete a communicable disease exposure report within twenty-four (24) hours for any of the following exposures:

- Needle stick injury
- Break in skin caused by a potentially contaminated object
- Splash of blood or other potentially infectious material into eyes, mucous membranes, or non-intact skin
- Other exposure that the member may feel is significant

The report will include details of the task being performed, the means of transmission, the portal of entry, and the type of PPE in use at the time.

The shift Captain will review the communicable disease exposure report and forward to the EMS Director.

The shift Captain in conjunction with the senior EMS Provider, will evaluate the report for exposure hazards. If a possible exposure occurred, medical evaluation is indicated, within forty eight (48) hours post exposure. If no exposure occurred, the shift Captain will counsel the member on exposure hazards.

The shift Captain will complete the communicable disease exposure report, indicating disposition of medical management, and forward the report to the EMS Director for filing in the member's personal health file. In conjunction with the exposed member, the shift Captain will prepare a communicable disease exposure report to be placed in the EMS Director's file.

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The EMS Director will refer members for infection control retraining or stress management counseling if indicated. Spousal counseling will be available.

The workers compensation provider will provide appropriate diagnostic workup and treatment of members with communicable disease exposure. Service may include long term follow-up and member or spousal counseling.

*Larry Behrens*

Larry Behrens, Fire Chief

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

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