



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATING PROCEDURES MANUAL		
CHAPTER 205	COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	
	Effective: 04/21/2011	Commissioner Approval: 
	Authorities: <a href="#">29 CFR 1910.1030</a> ; <a href="#">8 AAC 61</a> ;	
	Applicability: ALL DEPARTMENTAL EMPLOYEES	
	Special Instructions: See DPS <a href="#">BBPECP</a>	

## 205.100 INTRODUCTION

This department establishes internal protocol for dealing with bloodborne pathogens and communicable diseases that have potential to pose a serious threat to the well being of the employees of this department.

## 205.300 BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS CONTROL PLAN

The department shall comply with the United States Department of Labor, Occupational & Safety Administration (OSHA) bloodborne pathogen standards by developing, implementing, and adhering to an exposure control plan ([BBPECP](#)).

## 205.310 NOTIFYING PERSONS OF EXPOSURE TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

**A. *Officers will record names of persons giving first aid or contacting victims.*** At any crime scene or accident where it is possible that non-department personnel (EMS workers, volunteers, or good Samaritans) will be exposed to bloodborne pathogens or other communicable diseases, the officer in charge of the case will record the name, address, and phone number of any person likely exposed to bloodborne pathogens in the case report.

This information may be recorded in the body of the report. Unless otherwise required by reporting procedures, these witnesses do not have to be listed on the case report.

**B. *The presence of communicable diseases will be reported.*** The officer in charge of the case report will ensure that a timely follow-up is done with the hospital, lab, or pathologist to determine the presence of any infectious or communicable diseases; and if found, will notify all persons identified in 205.310 A of their possible exposure.

Notification of persons under this section will be noted in the case report.

## 205.320 POSTAL SHIPMENT OF CONTAMINATED ITEMS

Items contaminated with bloodborne pathogens (BBP), such as soiled uniforms, evidence clothing, blood samples, other bodily fluids, or any other contaminated objects may be shipped through the mail only if packaged and labeled in accordance with postal regulations. Packages for mailing contaminated items shall be prepared and labeled as follows:

1. Securely seal the BBP contaminated items inside a red plastic biohazard bag
2. Securely seal the first sealed bag inside a second biohazard bag.

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3. Place the bags inside a sturdy cardboard box that is not likely to be crushed or broken open in normal shipment and handling.
4. Place appropriate paperwork inside the box.
5. Seal the box with tape over all folds and openings to create a closed and sealed container.
6. Address the box including a contact telephone number. Both the delivery and return addresses must be a physical address (no post office boxes).
7. Place at least one biohazard sticker on the box adjacent to the address.

It is recommended that the person who packed the box take it to the post office as the postal clerk may ask questions about the contents and packaging.

### 205.900 DEFINITIONS

**Bloodborne pathogens** – pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. The pathogens include Hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

### RESOURCES

The department shall utilize government authorities as resource guides to establish and update its exposure control plan. Such authorities are: [Alaska Bloodborne Pathogens Guide](#) and [OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens](#).