College Health Service

POST-EXPOSURE EVALUATION and FOLLOW-UP
Employee/Student

I. Reporting an Incident

1. The employee/student shall report to the College Health Service (FTZ 146) immediately.

2. The College Health Service shall immediately complete an injury report documenting the route(s) of exposure, and the circumstances under which the exposure incident occurred. Identify and document the source individual unless identification is infeasible or prohibited by law.

3. The College Health Service shall inform the employee/student about medical complications of bloodborne diseases (HBV and HIV) and explain serological testing and post-exposure prophylaxis, as medically recommended by the Public Health Service.

4. If the employee/student agrees, the College Health Service will refer the employee/student to Samaritan Hospital Occupational Health, or Samaritan Hospital Emergency Room if after daytime working hours or during weekend hours. The employee/student must report to the hospital within 24 hours but within 2 hours is preferable.

5. Samaritan Hospital will be responsible for determining if the employee is a candidate for post–exposure Prophylaxis. The hospital will also be responsible for the baseline blood collection and for keeping the sample for 90 days if the exposed person does not consent to testing. If within that 90 days the exposed person elects to have the sample tested, the hospital will perform the test as soon as possible.

6. If the exposed person does not have transportation, the College Health service will contact the Office of Public Safety. If public Safety is unavailable, a taxi will be utilized.
7. The college will provide Samaritan Hospital with a copy of OSHA’s 29CFR Part 1910.1030 Occupational Exposure to Blood Borne Pathogens, the Completed Injury report, the employee’s vaccination status and the name and address of the source individual if that information is known.

II. Source Individual

1. Samaritan hospital personnel will interview the employee/student and determine information about the source individual which will allow the hospital to contact the source individual and make arrangements for testing if that individual is willing.

2. Samaritan hospital will inform the employee/student that they may see their primary care physician for the testing and that Hudson Valley Community College will pay any charges for that service.

3. Samaritan Hospital will make available to the employee/student the results of the source individual’s testing and the exposed person shall be informed of applicable laws and regulations concerning disclosure of the identity and infectious status of the source individual.

III. Healthcare Professional’s written Opinion

1. Samaritan Hospital will provide the Hudson Valley Community College Health Service with a copy of the Healthcare Professional’s written opinion within 10 days of completion of the evaluation. The College Health Service will provide the employee/student with the written opinion within 5 days of receiving it from Samaritan Hospital.

2. Such opinion for Hepatitis B vaccination shall be limited to whether Hepatitis B Vaccination is indicated for an employee/student, and if the employee has received such vaccination
3. Such opinion for post-exposure evaluation and follow-up shall be limited to the following information:

- That the employee/student has been told about any medical conditions resulting from the exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials which require further evaluation or treatment.

- All other findings or diagnoses shall remain confidential and shall not be included in the written report.

IV. Medical Recordkeeping

1. The College Health Service shall arrange with Samaritan Hospital to maintain an accurate record for each employee with occupational exposure in accordance with 29 CFR 1030 (h) (1) and 29 CFR 1910.1020

2. An accident report will be completed for each occurrence.

3. All sharps incidents must be noted in Sharps injury log.