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## **APPENDIX D**

### **HANDLING OF WASTE-POLICY & PROCEDURES**



## **HANDLING AND DISPOSAL OF INFECTED WASTE**

### **POLICY:**

Staff will use universal precautions by treating all blood and other potentially infectious body fluids as if they are infected. Staff will utilize personal protective equipment: gloves will be worn with potential contact to all bodily fluids and masks, face shields, gowns, resuscitation mask and protective eyewear appropriate to the situation.

Materials that come into contact with bodily fluids are to be considered contaminated. This includes but is not limited to syringes, needles, bandages, microbiological supplies, used cotton tipped sticks or tongue depressors. If in doubt, consider the material to be contaminated.

### **PROCEDURE:**

1. Soiled paper, gloves and other soft items shall be placed in plastic bags and disposed.
2. Sharps, needles and glassware shall be contained in a designated, labeled rigid sharps container.  
When containers reach the full line, they are to be sealed and disposed through the proper channels as determined by the SBCC Facilities Director.
3. Linen items shall not be used.
4. Vomit, urine and fecal material shall be flushed in the municipal sewage system.
5. Gloves shall be worn during decontamination procedures.