

## Office of Coordinated School Health



### Health Services Student to Student Biting Incidents

#### Rational:

The Germantown Municipal School District Human Bite Procedure provides uniform outline and action plan school personnel need to follow should there be an incident of student-to-student biting in the school setting.

The protocol identifies the key individuals who need to be notified and specific information that needs to be reviewed.

Please be aware of the sensitive nature of health information and the importance of confidentiality when dealing with issues involving information.

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For the Individual Bitten:

Promptly advise an Administrator of the incident.

Following the notice of the Administrator probably informed the parent.

When the skin is broken, prompt consultation with the healthcare provider is important in obtaining direction regarding any necessary treatment measures, including tetanus immunization.

(Although the risk of disease transmission from the human bite is minimal, a healthcare provider should evaluate the degree of risk).

GMSD Incident/Accident Report should be completed.

The Administrator should notify Coordinated School Health in case the parent of the “student sustaining the bite” request blood testing of the “biter”.

This testing cannot be required.

Testing may be requested by the parents of the students who did the biting and is voluntary by the parents of the student who was “bitten”.

Review the immunization status of both individuals involved.

Do not disclose immunization information of either student.

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**For the Individual Initiating the Bite:**

If blood is drawn during the biting incident, assist the student to rinse mouth with water to remove possible residual blood.

Promptly advise Administrator of incident.

Following the notice to the Administrator promptly inform the parent.  
(Do not disclose personal or health related information of either student)

Advise the parent of pertinent health recommendations.

Review the immunization status of both individuals involved.

Do not disclose immunization information of either student.

**Human Bite - Skin Not Broken:**

Provide routine First-Aid for the individual involved relative to an associated bruise or pain at the site if appropriate.

**Human Bite - Skin is Broken:**

Provide appropriate First-Aid.

Notify the parents and inform them to contact the health care provider relative to bite.

Review the immunization status of both students.

(Do not disclose personal or health related information of either student)

Notes:

Consider assessment of risk of HepB and HIV

Considered tetanus immunization status

Consider the need for wound cleaning, debridement, culture, closing

Consider appropriate medication treatment

Resources:

Communicable disease policy

Quality nursing interventions in the school setting: NASN

SCHD Human bite protocol