



# TE AWAMUTU COLLEGE

## POLICY STATEMENT ON INFECTION CONTROL OF HIV/AIDS AND OTHER BLOOD-BORNE VIRUSES

### Rationale

Staff can never be certain that they have 100% safety and need to treat all blood issues as if there is a presence of blood-borne viruses.

### Guidelines

1. Before treating a bleeding student (in a classroom or on a trip or on a sports field, etc), make sure you cover any cuts or abrasions with a waterproof dressing.
2. Wear gloves for all procedures.
3. Do not delay treatment of bleeding under any circumstances because gloves are not immediately available. Use an absorbent barrier such as a towel, paper towel, handkerchief, etc, for an actively bleeding student.
4. Dispose of used gloves, soiled dressings, sanitary towels, etc, in a place where they will not be handled, e.g. in bags which are burnt or buried.
5. Wipe clean and then disinfect all surfaces and instruments contaminated with blood.
6. Wash hands thoroughly when you have finished. Hand washing is usually adequate for non-blood secretions, but the above precautions, i.e. gloves etc, can also be used.
7. First-aid kits include disposable gloves, disposable wipes and plastic bags for contaminated waste. Kits are returned to Health Centre and replenished.
8. Stickers with Ministry of Health universal precautions are displayed where needed.

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