



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. Wear gloves for all procedures.
2. Before treating a bleeding student (in a classroom or on a trip or on a sports field, etc), make sure any cuts or abrasions that you may have are covered appropriately.
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 appropriately of used gloves, soiled dressings, sanitary towels, etc, in a place where they will not be handled.
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. Ministry of Health universal precautions are displayed where needed.

CHAIRPERSON

DATE 21/11/21

PRINCIPAL

DATE 8/10/21