



RED CLAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

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Management of Needlestick Incidents in Schools and in District Facilities

Prevention of needlestick injuries is a key component of safety. Identifying areas in the health office where injections are performed in relation to the location of sharps containers should be considered. Using needles that have safety devices should also be considered.

Elements of Standards of Precautions should include but are not limited to hand hygiene, use of personal protective equipment, sharps safety and safe injection practices shall be observed to prevent contact with blood or any other potentially infectious materials (CDC, 2020).

Should a school nurse or person assisting a student/staff member with an injection become stuck inadvertently with the needle, the area should immediately be washed with soap and water. The puncture incident must be reported immediately to the school principal or supervisor. A review of the immunization status of affected persons for documentation of hepatitis B and tetanus containing vaccines should be completed as soon as possible. Staff members must complete a workman's compensation form as well as a school nurse office visit. Consultation with a healthcare provider should be done immediately.

Questions about the information contained in this administrative memorandum should be directed to the Supervisor of Health Services.