## **BLOOD AND BODY FLUIDS EXPOSURE CHECKLIST**

According to the policy in the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center Health Professions Student Handbook, all students are REQUIRED to wear personal protective equipment (PPE), including safety glasses, **AT ALL TIMES** regardless of the laboratory policies in Laboratory Medicine or at our Clinical Affiliate sites. If a student is found to be in violation of this policy disciplinary action will be taken up to and including dismissal from the program. During clinical rotations we will make random visits as well as correspond with clinical instructors to ensure this policy is being enforced.

In the unfortunate event that a student is exposed to blood or body fluids, the following steps should be taken immediately:

- Wash needle sticks or cuts with soap and water, flush splashes to nose, mouth or skin with water, and/or irrigate eyes with clean water, saline, or sterile irrigants for 15 minutes.
- Notify supervisor in assigned area.
- If the exposure occurs during a clinical rotation:
  - Notify Program Director or Education Coordinator. Both sites will complete an Incident report.
  - The MD Anderson Student will call UT Health Services at 7000 Fannin Street, Suite 1620, Houston, TX 77030.
    - Clinic Hours: 7:00am-4:00pm, Phone: 713-500-3267, Option 1.
    - After Hours: 1 (800) 770-9206
      - An answering service operator will get call back information then page a provider to promptly return the call.
  - The clinical affiliate site will be responsible for testing the source patient.
  - UT Health Services will perform testing on the student and advise on prophylaxis and follow-up.
  - Students should seek medical attention as soon as possible. Prophylaxis, if indicated, should be started within 2 hours.