



MASON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #4

TITLE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROTECTION

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Members/employees who perform emergency medical care or who otherwise may be exposed to blood or other body fluids, or to infectious diseases (tuberculosis) will be provided with appropriate personal protective equipment, training, and immunization for protection from potential exposure to communicable diseases.

- Fire District #4 will have a written infection (exposure) control plan which clearly explains the intent, benefits, and purpose of the plan. The plan must cover the standards of exposure control such as establishing the infection control officer and all members affected; education and training; HBV vaccination requirements; documentation and record keeping; cleaning/disinfection of personnel and equipment; and exposure protocols
- Fire District #4 will establish a designated infection (exposure) control officer who will ensure that an adequate infection control plan is developed and all members/employees are trained and supervised on the plan.
 - a. The infection control officer Chief Burbridge, will be responsible for establishing personnel exposure protocols so that a process for dealing with exposures is in writing and available to all personnel.
 - b. The infection control officer will institute the established exposure protocols immediately after report of an exposure.
- Fire District #4 will establish a records system for members'/employees' health and training. Members/employees will be trained on the proper use of PPE, exposure protection, post exposure protocols, and disease modes of transmission as it is related to infectious diseases.
- Members/employees will be required to annually review the infectious disease plan, updates,



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protocols, and equipment used in the program.

- Fire District #4 will comply with WAC 296-62-08001, Part J, Bloodborne Pathogens, in its entirety.
- Members/employees will wear a particulate respirator when entering areas occupied by individuals with suspected or confirmed tuberculosis TB, when performing high risk procedures on such individuals, or when transporting individuals with suspected or confirmed TB in a closed vehicle.
 - a. A NIOSH-approved 95% efficient particulate air respirator is the minimum acceptable level of respiratory protection.
 - i. Fit tests are required and will be done in accordance with WAC 296-62, Part E.