

# HARMONY EVENT MEDICINE

## Blood Borne Pathogens

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Blood borne Pathogens are microorganisms that can be carried in human blood and body fluids and can carry seriously bad diseases.

We are exposed to them at every single show, every time. We can be exposed thru blood, vomit, feces, amniotic fluid and cerebrospinal fluid. Body fluids that can contain blood are vomit, feces, and urine.

BBPs can enter through your eyes, nose, mouth; a cut or sore on your skin, or from contaminated object such as glass, sharps like needles or razor blades.

The 3 most common BBPs are: HIV/AIDS, and Hepatitis B & C. HIV is the most difficult to contract, but Hep B and C are quite easy. There is a preventative shot for Hep B, but there is no cure for Hep C.

**Assume that all blood or body fluids are carrying BBP's!!!**  
**USE UNIVERSAL PRECAUTIONS BEFORE ATTENDING TO A PATRON WHO IS PRESENTING EXPOSURE RISKS.**

1. Single use Nitrile gloves (or latex)
2. Eye protection
3. Masks for you or the patient (if they're sick)
4. Gown
5. CPR Masks

**REMOVING THE PPE (GLOVES) BY TURNING INSIDE OUT, KEEPING THE ICKY'S INSIDE THE OLD GLOVE. THEN WASH HANDS IMMEDIATELY WITH WARM AND SOAPY (NON ABRASIVE) WATER.**

*For a complete synopsis of cleaning up, please review 'cleaning, sanitizing, & disinfecting'*

HEM must provide information and procedures to protect our volunteers from exposure and transmission of BBPs in our workplace.  
...because we can ALL be exposed!!

Where else can we be exposed?

1. Restrooms/Porta Pots, Receptacle for towels or trash, Cleaning tubs for feet or vomit, Blood stained items like clothes