

Figure 1 - Nursing Protocol for Human Bite Incident at School

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Procedure to follow in the event of a human bite wound:

1. Put on disposable gloves.
2. Assess the wound.
3. Clean wound with soap and water and rinse for 2-3 minutes.
4. Apply cold compress.
5. Check Hepatitis B and Tetanus immunization status for compliance for both the biter and the person that was bitten if the skin is broken.
6. Maintain confidentiality of all involved students and staff.
7. Notify Administrator immediately.

Student specific procedures:

1. Notify the students' parents/guardians immediately.
2. Urge immediate medical evaluation with a physician or healthcare provider for both the student that was biting and the person that was bitten if it is possible there was an exchange of blood or body fluids.
3. Complete Parkway Health Services Parent Communication Report of Human Bite form and provide to parent/guardian of affected students.
4. Refer parent to teacher/administrator regarding behavior or supervision concerns.
5. Record biting incident in electronic health record for both the student who was biting and the person who was bitten.
6. Complete the Parkway Incident Report.

Staff specific procedures:

1. Advise employee to complete workers compensation paperwork.
2. Refer employee to corporate health for immediate medical evaluation due to the possible exchange of blood or body fluids.
3. Complete the Parkway Incident Report.

Follow up procedures:

1. Confer with the administrator and classroom staff to review the context of the biting incident.
2. Consider whether changes in supervision and/or environment are needed.
3. Evaluate the need for protective equipment.
4. Provide additional staff education as needed.