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Management of Student Bite Injuries

Any student who receives a human or animal bite injury while in the school setting/School Age Child Care (SACC) should be immediately referred to the school nurse, designee, or Child Care Contractor (CCC). The school nurse/designee/CCC will assess the injury to determine if skin integrity has been broken (open wound).

Immediate steps to be taken:

- a. Wear gloves to cleanse the bite.
- b. Clean any bite wound with soap and water thoroughly for five minutes to assure removal of any saliva.
- c. Cover the wound with a clean bandage (preferably sterile).
- d. Flush the mouth of the student who did the biting with running water for five minutes (rinse and spit sequence).
- e. Determine student's tetanus and Hepatitis B immunization status from school/SACC records.
- f. Call parent/guardian and recommend contact with healthcare provider for both involved students.
- g. Keep confidential the other student's identifying information.
- h. Document the injury/exposure for each of those students on the student management system (if incident occurred during the school day), and document that the parent was advised to follow up with the student's healthcare provider.
- i. For any other bite injury information, refer to Virginia Department of Health, "First Aid Guide for School Emergencies," found in the school health office/SACC.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for reviewing this regulation in 2019.

References:

"Quality Nursing Interventions in the School Setting, Procedures, Models, and Guideline," 2nd Edition, Hootman, Janis, 2004
Virginia Department of Health, "First Aid Guide for School Emergencies"
Virginia School Health Guidelines