

	Z14	Emergency Medical Services Branch
	2017-04-10	Infection Prevention & Control / Post Exposure Care

All MHLS licensed EMS service, including land and air medical response and stretcher transportation services, must:

1. Establish infection prevention and control (IP&C) protocols and procedures and ensure that all EMS personnel are compliant with the established IP&C protocols and procedures.
 - a. Regional EMS services must establish protocols and procedures that comply with their regional IP&C protocols and procedures.
 - b. EMS services not affiliated with an RHA and providing service solely or predominantly within one RHA, such as non-devolved land medical response services, are required to establish protocols and procedures that comply with the IP&C protocols and procedures of that Region.
 - c. EMS services not affiliated with an RHA and providing care across Regional boundaries, such as air medical response services, are required to establish protocols and procedures that comply with MHLS *“Routine Practices and Additional Precautions - Preventing the Transmission of Infections in Health Care”*.

2. Establish post-exposure (PE) protocols and procedures for EMS personnel and Ensure that EMS personnel are compliant with the established PE protocols and procedures.
 - a. Regional EMS services must establish protocols and procedures that comply with their regional PE protocols and procedures.
 - b. EMS services not affiliated with an RHA and providing service solely or predominantly within one RHA are required to establish protocols and procedures that comply with the PE protocols and procedures of that Region.
 - c. EMS services not affiliated with an RHA and providing care across Regional boundaries are required to establish protocols and procedures that comply with MHLS *“Integrated Post Exposure Protocol for HIV, HBV and HCV: Guidelines for Managing Exposures to Blood and Body Fluids”*.

Web links:

- *Routine Practices and Additional Precautions: Preventing the Transmission of Infections in Health Care:*
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/docs/ipc/rpap.pdf>
- *Integrated Post Exposure Protocol for HIV, HBV and HCV: Guidelines for Managing Exposures to Blood and Body Fluids:* http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/hiv_postexp.pdf