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## 1.04 HEPATITIS B PREVENTION/POST EXPOSURE FOLLOW-UP

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### 1.04.1 GENERAL

**Related Policies:**

- 1.01 Task Report
- 5.07 Workers' Compensation Coverage

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### 1.04.2 DEFINITIONS

See Terms and Definitions

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### 1.04.3 POLICY STATEMENT

- (1) EMBC will provide Hepatitis B shots to volunteers who face the risk of exposure to body fluids during SAR and vehicle extrication operations.
- (2) Furthermore, any volunteer exposed to body fluids as the result of an authorized task may seek post-exposure treatment that will be reimbursed by EMBC as part of task expenses.

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### 1.04.4 CONDITIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) Universal precautions, including the wearing of latex gloves and employment of face (eye/nose/mouth) protection must be observed as appropriate to prevent contact with body fluids.
- (2) Regional staff will NOT provide advice on whether a hepatitis immunization program should be instituted but rather advise groups to discuss requirement with medical professionals.

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### 1.04.5 AUTHORITIES

N/A

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### **1.04.6 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- 1.04 Hepatitis B Prevention/Post Exposure Follow-Up Procedures