1.04 HEPATITIS B PREVENTION/POST EXPOSURE FOLLOW-UP

1.04.1 GENERAL

Related Policies:
- 1.01 Task Report
- 5.07 Workers’ Compensation Coverage

1.04.2 DEFINITIONS
See Terms and Definitions

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.

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.

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