BBP Definition

Bloodborne pathogens are disease-causing microorganisms found in human blood and other material that can infect people who are exposed to them.

Symptoms

Cause Flu-like Symptoms:
- Fever
- Loss of appetite
- Fatigue
- Nausea and/or vomiting

Modes of Transmission

- Contact with open sores, cracked, or broken skin
- Contact with mucous membranes:
  - Eyes, nose, mouth, genitals
- Puncture wounds: Needlesticks

Protect Yourself from BBP Infection

- Wear appropriate PPE: Gloves, lab coat, eye protection
- Never re-cap needles
- Don’t eat or drink around blood
- Wash hands after removing your gloves and when work is complete

Please note: This guide is not a replacement for training.