The following procedures serve as a general outline for responding to different type of incidents. More specific and detailed procedures may need to be developed by a Principal Investigator depending on the type of material being worked with.

**PERSONAL CONTAMINATION**

In case of exposure to infectious or potentially infectious materials (e.g. human blood), individuals must act fast to prevent possible serious health problems.

**Skin Exposure (intact skin):** Thoroughly wash affected area with soap and water for 5 minutes.

**Percutaneous Exposure** (e.g. needle stick, puncture wound, scratch or animal bite): Vigorously scrub invasive injuries with an antiseptic soap (e.g. Chlorhexidine 4% soap solution - Hibiclens™) for 5 minutes, followed by thorough washing with soap and water.

**Ocular** (and other mucosal areas) **Exposure:** Irrigate contaminated mucous membranes with water from the eye wash for 8 minutes.

For medical assistance, call the Injury Hotline 585-8000 (if UC employee) or 556-2564 (if UC student).