

Manual of Administration

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PURPOSE: This policy will clarify the purpose of Body Fluid Kits and their proper use.

PREAMBLE: Avenue II has a commitment to ensure that an individual's dignity is maintained while being supported by Avenue II employees. It is not appropriate for staff to use kits openly in a public place which would demean an individual's dignity.

Appropriate Use:

Body Fluid Kits are only to be used in circumstances where body fluids such as vomit, blood, or feces are present in the workplace that are extreme and pose an unsafe risk to staff to assist an individual to clean the fluids. **It is not appropriate for use in normal situations regarding bowel movements, blood, or vomiting.**

Avenue II will provide Body Fluid Kits which contain:

1. A disposable mask
2. Goggles
3. Disposable gown
4. Disposable non-latex gloves
5. Paper towels
6. Antibacterial spray for cleaning contaminated surfaces
7. Two (2) garbage bags for disposing of items 1 through 4.

To access the Body Fluid Kits:

1. Call the office to speak to a Manager or Director. If after hours, call the On-Call Supervisor.
2. Describe the situation and the reasons for needing a kit.
3. The Manager or On-Call will determine whether a kit is required.
4. If you are in a public place, ask the Manager or On-Call Supervisor for backup to support the individual to another area that maintains their dignity, if possible/necessary.
5. Someone will bring a kit for your use.

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Procedures for use and disposal of kits:

Ensure the individual has received the required care and that their dignity has been maintained.

If necessary, temporarily block the area that requires cleaning.

Put on mask, goggles, gown, and gloves. Ensure sleeves of gown are tucked into gloves.

Spray the contaminated surface(s) with antibacterial spray.

With paper towel, wipe up contaminated surfaces.

Dispose of soiled paper and remainder of unused paper towel by placing in garbage bag.

Seal garbage bag by tying a knot or use of a twist tie.

The antibacterial spray bottle is to be cleansed and returned to the office or placed in a clean plastic bag.

Remove mask, gown, and gloves in a manner using universal precautions and place in second garbage bag.

Seal the garbage bag by tying a knot or use of a twist tie.

Place both bags in outdoor garbage containers.

Wash your hands thoroughly when task is completed.