

18-338.3.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) (i) "Body fluids" means:

1. Any fluid containing visible blood, semen, or vaginal secretions; or

2. Cerebrospinal fluid, synovial fluid, or amniotic fluid.

(ii) "Body fluids" does not include saliva, stool, nasal secretions, sputum, tears, urine, or vomitus.

(3) "Exposure" means as between a patient and a health care provider:

(i) Percutaneous contact with blood or body fluids;

(ii) Mucocutaneous contact with blood or body fluids;

(iii) Open wound, including dermatitis, exudative lesions, or chapped skin, contact with blood or body fluids for a prolonged period; or

(iv) Intact skin contact with large amounts of blood or body fluids for a prolonged period.

(4) "First responder" means an individual who:

(i) Is licensed or certified under § 13-516 of the Education Article; and

(ii) Provides services to an individual before the individual is admitted to a hospital.

(5) (i) "Health care provider" means an individual who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized under the Health Occupations Article or this article to provide health or medical care in:

1. The ordinary course of business or practice of a profession; or

2. An approved education or training program.

(ii) "Health care provider" includes any agent or employee of a hospital.

(iii) "Health care provider" does not include an individual who is eligible to receive notification under the provisions of § 18-213 of this title, including any law enforcement officer or any member of any fire department, ambulance company, or rescue squad.

(6) "HIV" means the human immunodeficiency virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

(7) "Hospital" has the meaning stated in § 19-301 of this article.