

Human Blood and Body Fluids

Contact the [Biosafety Office](#) (BSO) for any research that involves the use of human blood, body fluids, or tissues prior to the initiation of work.

Laboratory practices ([Universal Precautions](#)) should be followed using the assumption that all human blood, body fluid and tissues are infectious. The Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes for Health recommend that [BSL2](#) standards, containment and facilities be used for activities involving clinical specimens, body fluids and tissues from humans or from laboratory animals infected or inoculated with human material. These standards should be applied to work with human blood and cells in culture, human serum-derived reagents which may be used as controls. Work performed by a researcher with his/her own blood must also be approved by the BSO.

Additional Information and Resources:

1. CDC/NIH BMBL, available online at <https://www.cdc.gov/labs/BMBL.html>.