

School District Letterhead

Delaware

**Puncture Wound Letter to Parents
SAMPLE**

[date]

Dear Parent:

RE: School Incident

On [date], a student brought a concealed sharp object to school. Several students claim they were stuck with the device. Please discuss this incident with your child. If your child was involved in the incident, contact your family doctor immediately and notify the school by the close of the next school day. Our phone number is [number].

We have been in contact with the Division of Public Health. Public Health recommends the following steps for your child's protection **if** your child was stuck:

- If your child is previously vaccinated against hepatitis B (3 doses) NO treatment is necessary for protection against hepatitis B infection.
- If your child is not vaccinated against hepatitis B initiate hepatitis B vaccine series (3 doses) as soon as possible.
- If your child is a known nonresponder to hepatitis B vaccination as confirmed by your child's physician, hepatitis B Immune Globulin only should be given.
- Under special circumstances, if your child is not previously vaccinated against hepatitis B, he/she may need hepatitis B Immune Globulin in addition to hepatitis B vaccinations. Please contact school nurse.
- If a known case of hepatitis C is involved in the puncture incident your child should be referred to a specialist for evaluation to achieve early identification of hepatitis C infection and to discuss treatment options from such a specialist.
- If a known HIV positive person is involved in the incident counseling and testing for HIV should be initiated. The HIV test should be repeated in 3 months.
- A tetanus booster is recommended for persons if more than 5 years have elapsed since their last dose (DTaP, DT or Td).

If you cannot obtain the above services, please contact the school nurse as soon as possible. Thank you for your help in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Principal