

Program Infection Control Guidelines:

Applicants are advised of the following Infection Control Guidelines as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC):

The prevention of cross contamination and transmission of infection to all persons, including: patients, Dental Health Care Professionals (DHCP), faculty, students, and non-clinical staff is the professional responsibility of all dental personnel. College of Western Idaho's Dental Assisting programs has adopted policies and procedures that represent a comprehensive and practical infection control program, based upon federal guidelines (Center for Disease Control). A fundamental principle of an effective infection control program is to exercise care, precautions and effective control techniques that can keep infectious microbes within manageable limits of the body's normal resistance to disease. Individuals at high risk of infectious diseases (HBV, HCV and HIV) among DHCP are those who perform tasks that might involve contact with blood, blood-contaminated body substances, other body fluids, or sharps should be vaccinated. Vaccination can protect both DHCP and patients from infectious diseases and whenever possible should be completed when DHCP are in training and before they have contact with blood. Compliance with these policies and procedures are an ethical obligation and responsibility of all participants in the delivery of care at College of Western Idaho.

While in the program, students are required to follow all OSHA, CDC and State regulations regarding bloodborne and infectious disease. Refer to the [Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health Care Setting- 2003, 12/19/03 52\(RR17\); 1-61](#).for related policies.

Specific CWI Infection Control Policies and Procedures are also available to applicants upon request.