

**Issues / Concerns that need to be addressed in advance
by ERE Designated Officer**

1. The Designated Officer from the emergency response agency should write a letter (sample attached) to the Hospital DO. This letter should identify them as the DO and include their contact information. This letter should be sent to all hospitals in their area that their employee/ volunteer may go to for post exposure follow-up.
2. Many times it is difficult to access if the exposure is "significant". It would be helpful to you to set up a relationship with a physician that you could call at any time for guidance with this determination. They could also provide follow-up care.
3. We are suggesting the hospital test the source patient for HBV, HCV and HIV. Do you have a mechanism to pay for this testing?
4. We are asking the hospitals to respond "as soon as possible" preferably within 2 hour period. The law gives them 48 hours to respond.