

# Health Risks

## Background Notes

As Child Welfare workers, we visit homes that may lack general sanitation and have occupants that do not follow good health practices. While it is expected that all clients will be provided the same degree of service, and not treated differently because of an assumption that they may be infected with a transmittable disease, precautions need to be taken.

## Tasks / Assignments:

- Read through the page on Universal Precautions (UP) in the disease guideline and ask your supervisor if you have any questions.
- Infection Control guidelines and fact sheets included on the web site below:  
<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/tb/managetb.shtml>
- Find out what supplies, such as gloves and hand sanitizer might be available and any expectations around their use.
- Find out the procedure for reporting exposure to disease, blood, etc.
- Guidelines from Center for Disease Control  
<http://www.cdc.gov/tb/publications/guidelines/infectioncontrol.htm>

## *Discoveries:*

