
VACCINE POINTS

“Vaccine Points” is a bi-monthly communication distributed by the Hawaii Department of Health to all participating Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers.

Test your vaccine knowledge.

Question: Which of the following statements regarding wearing gloves when administering vaccines is/are true? Select all that apply.

- a) Gloves will prevent needle stick injuries
- b) Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations require gloves to be worn when administering vaccines
- c) Gloves should be worn if the person administering the vaccine is likely to come into contact with potentially infectious body fluids
- d) Gloves should be changed between patients
- e) If wearing gloves, hand hygiene between patients is unnecessary
- f) Gloves should be worn if the vaccine administrator has open lesions on hands

Answer: c, d, f

OSHA regulations do not require gloves to be worn when administering vaccines unless the person administering the vaccine is likely to come into contact with potentially infectious body fluids or has open lesions on the hands.
If gloves are worn, they should be changed and hand hygiene performed between patients.
Gloves will not prevent needle stick injuries.

Source:

Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases, 13th edition, p. 87.
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/pinkbook/vac-admin.html>

