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**TO:** Virginia Emergency Medical Services Agencies  
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**SUBJECT:** Designated Infection Control Officer Requirement 12VAC5-31-570.A.3

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Virginia Administrative Code – EMS Regulations require every licensed EMS agency to have a Designated Infection Control Officer (DICO) to serve as the liaison between the medical facility treating the source patient and the exposed employee/member. This person has to be formally trained for this position and is knowledgeable in proper post exposure medical follow up procedures and current regulations and laws governing disease transmission.

The Virginia Office of EMS (OEMS) does not identify, approve, or endorse specific Infection Control Officer educational programs. Virginia licensed EMS agencies may select a training program of their choice to ensure their agencies DICO has received training that is compliant with OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Standard 29 CFR 1910.1030 and any other federal regulation(s) that may apply.

Additional Information can be located at the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety And Health Administration website - [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)