**TREATMENT GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH STAFF**

**BURNS**

Authorized health and wellness staff may treat burns as follows:

1. Remove the student from the source of the burns.
2. Ensure an open airway is present and proceed with CPR if indicated.
3. If the burn involves the face, head, neck, fingers, toes, genitalia or more than 25 percent of the trunk or an extremity, call 911.
4. Irrigate the burn wound with sterile saline solution for one to two minutes.
5. Cover the burn with sterile gauze soaked in sterile saline solution. Use cling gauze to secure the saline soaked gauze. Leave blisters intact. Have the wound evaluated by the center physician as soon as possible.
6. Check immunization status and give tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) booster immunization when indicated. Refer to Immunization Technical Assistance Guide.
7. If the wound has a broken blister or if only the dermis is injured, apply Silvadene cream bid until the center physician evaluates the patient within 48 hours. Call the center physician regarding the use of medication for pain relief.

**WHEN TO REFER TO THE CENTER PHYSICIAN**

* If the injury appears deeper than the dermis or contaminated with dirt, debris or chemicals despite irrigation, refer to the center physician or the emergency room immediately. Call the center physician regarding the use of medication for pain relief prior to transport.
* If inadequate pain relief
* If evidence of a secondary infection