

PATHOGEN SAFETY DATA SHEET

Streptococcus spp.

CHARACTERISTICS	
Morphology	Gram-positive coccus or spherical, non-sporeforming facultative anaerobic bacteria that grows in pairs or chains.
Disease	Pharyngitis, pneumonia, meningitis, endocarditis, necrotizing fasciitis, urinary tract infections.
Zoonosis	Yes

RISK GROUP 8	RISK GROUP & CONTAINMENT REQUIREMENTS	
	Agents that are associated with human disease	
	which is rarely serious and for which preventive or	
Risk Group 2	therapeutic interventions are often available.	
	For all procedures involving suspected or known	
BSL2	infectious specimen or cultures.	
ABSL2	For all procedures utilizing infected animals.	

HEALTH HAZARDS	
Host Range	Humans and animals (cattle, poultry, fish, reptiles).
Modes of	Ingestion, exposure of mucous membranes,
Transmission	penetration through skin; wound contamination.
Signs and	Respiratory and gastrointestinal illness, diarrhea,
Symptoms	redness and swelling at site of infection.
Infectious Dose	>10^6-10^7 organisms.
Incubation Period	Days to weeks

MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS/TREATMENT	
Prophylaxis	None.
Vaccines	None.
Treatment	
Surveillance	Monitor for symptoms of infection.
MSU Requirements	Report any exposures

LABORATORY HAZARDS	
Laboratory	
Acquired Infections	
(LAIs)	Cases have been reported
	Cultures, frozen stocks, other samples described in IBC
Sources	protocol.

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES	
	http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/lab-bio/res/psds-
Canadian MSDS:	ftss/index-eng.php
BMBL	https://www.cdc.gov/labs/BMBL.html
CDC	
	https://osp.od.nih.gov/wp-
NIH Guidelines	content/uploads/NIH_Guidelines.pdf

SPILL PROCEDURES	
	Notify others working in the lab. Remove PPE and
	don new PPE. Cover area of the spill with absorbent
	material and add fresh 1:10 bleach:water. Allow 20
	minutes (or as directed) of contact time. After 20
Small	minutes, cleanup and dispose of materials.
	• Immediately notify all personnel in the lab and
	clear all personnel from the area. Remove any
	contaminated PPE/clothing and leave the lab.
	 Secure the area by locking doors, posting signage
	and guarding the area to keep people out of the
	space.
	For assistance, contact MSU's Biosafety Officer (406-
	994-6733) or Safety and Risk Management (406-994-
Large	2711).

EXPOSURE PROCEDURES	
	Flush eyes, mouth, or nose for 5 minutes at eyewash
Mucous membrane	station.
Other Exposures	Wash area with soap and water for 5 minutes.
	Immediately report incident to supervisor, complete
	a First Report of Injury form, and submit to Safety
Reporting	and Risk Management.
	During business hours:
	Bridger Occupational Health 3406 Laramie Drive
	Weekdays 8am -6pm. Weekends 9am-5pm
	After business hours:
	Bozeman Deaconess Hospital Emergency Room
Medical Follow-up	915 Highland Blvd

VIABILITY	
Disinfection	1:10 bleach:water; or 70% ethanol.
	Inactivated by moist heat (15 min at 121°C) and dry
Inactivation	heat (1 hour at 170°C)
	Survives in mud, litter, and sediment, limited
Survival Outside Host	survival on surfaces.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

Minimum PPE Requirements	Lab coat, disposable gloves, safety glasses, closed toed shoes, long pants
Additional Precautions	Additional PPE may be required depending on lab specific SOPs and IBC Protocol.