What Should I do if I find Needles/Sharps in the Community?

As the weather gets warmer, students and families will begin to enjoy the local parks and beaches in the community. Please review the following information to ensure a safe and healthy summer.

- For your safety, assume that the needle/medical sharp is contaminated with infectious fluids
  - Do not touch the needle/medical sharp
  - Contact the Belmont Police Department for more information at 603-267-8351
  - A trained officer will wear protective equipment, including thick, puncture-proof gloves to remove the needle/sharp from the community
  - The officer will place the needle/medical sharp in a rigid, properly labeled container
  - The needle/sharps container will be delivered to an approved disposal site

For more information about needle/sharps disposal, go to www.safeneedledisposal.org

What bloodborne infections can be transmitted from needles/medical sharps?

- Hepatitis B Virus (HBV)
- Hepatitis C Virus (HCV)
- Human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV)
- Other various diseases