



BIOTRAUMA: COMMUNITY PROTECTION

At a glance.

- Facility down-time of just 1 day.
- Post-incident psychological stress amongst students and teachers resulting from exposure nonexistent.
- Site fully decontaminated, allowing for 0 exposure incidents.



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School Information:

32 McCutchen Street
Ellijay, GA 30540

Established 1899

Serves 539 Students
Grades 3-5

Situation Analysis:

One of the sanitation workers employed at Ellijay Elementary School in Gilmer County, GA arrived early to work and was reportedly stabbed and sexually assaulted by a nearby prowler. The incident produced widely dispersed contaminants extending from the main entrance, through the office space and main halls, and finally to a rear exit in the back of the facility. An array of clerical appliances and structural elements (to include walls and flooring) were extensively soiled with blood and finger-print dust as left behind by the authorities. The condition of the school thereafter posed a significant risk for bloodborne pathogens transmission and psychological trauma to several hundred young students.

The Biotrauma Solution:

A primary focus on staff-accessibility and readiness allowed for an immediate dispatch of the Biotrauma Service Team. The team arrived within drive-time (1 hour) and was ready to begin work prior to scene-release as discerned by the investigators. A protease enzyme treatment was applied to the soiled areas of the facility and was allowed to settle in for 30 minutes for optimal efficiency. Two Bio-Recovery Technicians conducted a thorough scrub-down under the supervision of a Master Technician, and later applied hospital-grade disinfectant Virkon (EPA Reg. # 71654-7) to the affected areas and adjacent sectors of the school. Lastly, our Master Technician carried out a detailed area-inspection via worklamp to fully eliminate exposure possibility amongst facility staff and students. The manpower and technology employed by our Service Team successfully kept facility down-time at 7 hours, which equated to one school/business day. **A Certificate of Treatment was subsequently issued to the Facilities Director and served as a transfer of liability from Ellijay Elementary School to Biotrauma concerning any post-treatment exposure incidents.** Presently, the school educates some 539 healthy young students.

Client Comments

“Biotrauma answered the phone on the first ring, and arrived on site before the police were finished. We felt that the facility was being treated by professionals and have been very satisfied with the service they provided.”

Wes Clampitt
Facilities Director
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