# **Engineering Controls**

## **Sharps Containers**

Always place sharps in the proper sharps containers! These containers should be:

- Made out of hard plastic
- Designed for the storage of used sharps
- Labeled with the Universal Biohazard Symbol
- Replaced when the contents reach the fill line on the container of when approximately ¾ full



### **Mechanical Pipettes**

To transfer human blood or body fluids, use mechanical pipettes. Mouth pipetting is prohibited



### **Needleless System**



A needleless system – "non-needle sharp or a needle with a built-in safety feature or mechanism that effectively reduces the risk of a percutaneous exposure incident."

# **Administrative and Workplace Controls**

#### **Work Areas**

#### Must be:

- Cleaned and decontaminated with an appropriate disinfectant:
  - o Daily, after work with potentially contaminated material has concluded
  - o Immediately, after contamination with blood or OPIM
- Labeled with a Universal Biohazard Symbol if used for storage or processing of human blood or OPIM



#### **Hand Washing**

Wash your hands as soon as possible in the following situations:

- After removal of gloves or other PPE
- After potential contamination with human blood or OPIM
- Before leaving your work area
- Before eating or drinking



If liquid soap and water are not immediately available for handwashing, use antiseptic paper towels or an antiseptic hand lotion until a handwashing sink can be found.