FINGER/TOENAIL INJURY

A crush injury to the fingertip may result in fracture or bleeding under intact fingernail, creating pressure that may be very painful.

- Wear gloves when exposed to body fluids.
- Use clean bandage or gauze and apply gentle direct pressure until bleeding stops.
- Wash with soap and water, apply band-aid or tape overlay to protect nail bed.
- Apply cool compress for up to 20 minutes for pain and prevent swelling.

Has the pain improved after applying cool compress?

NO

If you suspect a fracture, See "***FRACTURE.***"

Contact responsible school authority & parent/guardian. **URGE MEDICAL CARE.**

If unable to reach parent/guardian, allow student to rest with adult supervision.

If pain becomes severe, **CALL EMS/911**.

YES

Have the student return to class.

Document care provided.