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To: Biosafety Permit holders, Laboratory Supervisors, Associate Deans (Research) for Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Science, Engineering, Kinesiology, Arts and Nursing
CC: Biosafety Committee

Biosafety Program – Biosafety Manual and Standards

Biosafety Manual and Standards

This is an announcement regarding the publication of the three documents:

- Biosafety Manual (Revised) – Sep 2017
- Biosafety and Emergency Response Standard (New) – Sep 2017
- Viral Vector Standard (Revised) – Sep 2017

The Biosafety Manual and the Biosafety and Emergency Response Standard were developed to comply with federal legislation, including an on-site inspection conducted by Public Health Agency of Canada in February 2017. The Viral Vector Standard was revised based on input from affected researchers and stakeholders. The revisions to this standard were also recently endorsed by the [Biosafety Committee](#).

Required steps

The documents contain responsibilities for supervisors and lab personnel that are to be followed including reading, understanding and following requirements.

- There is no requirement to print the Biosafety Manual – the online version is current.
- The Biosafety and Emergency Response Standard is to be printed and stored in the Laboratory Safety Manual under the Emergency Response tab.
- The Viral Vector Standard is to be printed and stored in the Laboratory Safety Manual under the Other Documentation tab, if applicable.

The documents are attached and accessible at: <http://ucalgary.ca/safety/programs/biosafety>

I look forward to your cooperation in making UCalgary a healthy and safe learning and working environment.

Thank you for your continued support.

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