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

Biosafety Program – mandatory training to be completed by lab personnel

Mandatory training (online and classroom)

This is a reminder that the [Biosafety Committee](#) unanimously endorsed mandatory online Biosafety Program training in September 2015.

The first phase involved an audit of training completion by Permit Holders. In this second phase, the Biosafety Committee is auditing training completion by lab personnel. Permit Holders are responsible to ensure lab personnel complete mandatory training. The new and revised training courses involved input from key stakeholders in March 2015 that was supported by the Biosafety Committee.

Required steps

Enroll for each class by clicking directly below, using the [help guide](#) or contacting [ISC](#) at 403-220-5932.

Completed training must be documented on the [Laboratory Health and Safety Orientation and Training Record](#) for each member of the laboratory.

Records must be stored in the Lab Safety Manual and will be audited during site visits (May – June) from the Biosafety Committee.

Biosafety Program Training	Online	Mandatory training for all University Employees, Supervisors and Managers directing or involved in the handling or storage of biohazards for research and teaching purposes.*	No prior learning equivalent
Biosafety Bloodborne Pathogens Training	Online	Mandatory training for all University Employees, Supervisors and Managers directly involved in the handling or storage of specific bloodborne pathogens or human cell lines, tissues, body fluids and/or other potentially infectious material that may contain bloodborne pathogens.*	No prior learning equivalent is acceptable if class was taken prior to May 2014. <i>Biosafety Program Training</i> is a prerequisite.
Biosafety Laboratory Training	Classroom	Mandatory training for all University Employees, Supervisors and Managers directly involved in the handling or storage of biohazards for research and teaching purposes.*	New since April 2016. A determination will be made within 6 months whether the former class called <i>Biosafety (Introduction) Training</i> is considered an equivalent based on feedback from stakeholders and the decision from the Biosafety Committee. <i>Biosafety Program Training</i> is a prerequisite.

Legislative requirements

Environmental Health & Safety has committed additional resources to update the Biosafety Program to assist compliance with federal legislation ([Human Pathogens and Toxins Act](#) and [Regulations](#), & [Canadian Biosafety Standard](#)) coming into force on Dec 1, 2015.

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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