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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**

### ***Salmonella* Advisory**

This is an advisory regarding lab-acquired infections of *Salmonella*. Biosafety Permit holders with a known *Salmonella* inventory are being separately contacted.

#### **What's the issue?**

Officials in the United States are tracking an [outbreak](#) of *Salmonella* infections linked to teaching, clinical and commercial microbiology labs. Individuals who live in the same household as lab personnel have become sick, without even visiting a laboratory. At UCalgary, there are three previously documented cases of lab-acquired *Salmonella* infections between 2004 and 2011.

#### **What do I need to do?**

1. Review your biohazard inventory in [BioLogistix](#) to ensure it accurately reflects your current handling and storage of all *Salmonella* spp. If you do not have *Salmonella* in your lab, you may ignore the following steps.
2. Review the [Salmonella Pathogen Safety Data Sheet](#) and signs and symptoms of infection with lab personnel.
3. Remind all lab personnel to follow the [Biohazard Laboratory Safety Rules](#) and enforce the following:
  - a. Use proper handwashing techniques after removing gloves and before leaving the lab.
  - b. Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), when required; remove PPE before leaving the lab.
  - c. Do not eat or drink and do not store food, drinks, and related utensils in the lab.
  - d. Do not touch your face, eyes or mouth in the lab.

Thank you for your continued support.

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