

Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Zoom meet

Attendees: Betsy Howe, Larry Harisis, Mike Livingston, TJ McAndrew, Kyle Broderick, Dave Hyten, Kay McClure-Kelly, Robert Harrison, Katelyn Rife, Shawn McDonald

1. Review SOP for recommissioning laboratories after shutdown and the new EHS Covid training module. Larry Harisis https://ehs.unl.edu/s-lab_commissioning.pdf
Larry provided an overview of EHS website and other pertinent information in regards to reopening laboratories and other creative spaces. He wanted to ensure equipment was operating properly (fume hoods), and still accounted for. Ensure walkways are clear and eye wash stations operating properly. He spoke of the Covid-19 awareness training module that is recommended. He indicated that Departments can determine if this training is required for employees.
2. Review new EHS Covid signage: Betsy Howe
Betsy presented the new signage that is related to the current C-19 pandemic. These signs pertain to hand washing, cloth face covering, elevator usage guidelines, safe glove removal and “Forward to Fall” Covid-19 symptom checker guidelines. You can find these on the EHS website under resources and Fran Benne can display on digital signage. At present C-19 signage is only available via download.
3. Training needs assessment for those new to laboratory work or those new to UNL laboratories.
The training needs assessment tool on the EHS website allows a new or current employee, graduate student, or undergraduate student to determine and select the level of training they require. If they answer “yes” please complete those modules. Betsy indicated she would work with Katelyn to begin receiving the core safety training records.
4. Core Safety training updates and records/Covid-19 awareness module: Katelyn Rife
We welcomed Katelyn to as a new member of the Safety Committee to serve as a point of contact in our personnel office and a point of contact for safety training records on SAP.

5. Cleaning and disinfection SOP

https://ehs.unl.edu/s-lab_cleaning_disinfection.pdf

Can use soap and water for initial cleaning and allow to air dry. Clean least dusty, dirtiest, contaminated surfaces initially and work toward highest soiled/contaminated areas last. Wear PPE while cleaning and avoid dry dusting, always moisten work surface initially. Clean and disinfect all high touch surfaces frequently. Refer to EPA List-N for disinfectants that are effective against Covid-19

Mike indicated disinfecting wipes will arrive the week of 6/15

6. New business, ideas to be addressed

Larry indicated mini lab audits will be conducted in July, PI's will be notified
Question about mask usage outside by Kyle. TJ indicated if six feet is maintained, no. If closer than 6 feet and talking one must wear a mask.
Betsy indicated hand sanitizer should not be left in hot vehicles.

7. Next meeting time will be September 8th at 2:00 pm TBD, or as situation warrants.