

# EHS Laboratory Safety Unit Newsletter



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Did you miss the February Newsletter?  
Follow the link below....  
<http://www.safety.rochester.edu/lab/safety/newsletterindex.html>

## New in July 2018:

### Re-Inspection Program has officially been launched!

In case you missed the @Rochester article on July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 announcing our Re-Inspection Program, find out all you need to know on our webpages:

- [Program Information](#)
- [Inspection Checklist](#) with High Hazards identified
- [FAQs Page](#)

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Laboratory Safety Unit is hiring! We have an open position for a Technical Associate I, Laboratory Safety Specialist. If you have any experience handling pathogens and are looking to join our team, please apply [online](#) and look for Job ID# 209592.

## Dress Code Requirement

With the warm weather finally here, the Environmental Health and Safety Department would like to remind Faculty, Staff, and students that, **for your personal safety**, appropriate attire that covers the entire leg and feet is still required per the University's Chemical Hygiene Program.

As a University of Rochester Employee, it is your responsibility to be dressed for the research and/or clinical laboratory environment. This means wearing clothing and attire appropriate to lab activities, including, but is not limited to: wearing pants that cover the entire leg (no shorts, short skirts, or Capri pants), securing long hair, not wearing clothing that has dangling laces/straps or is loose fitting, not wearing dangling jewelry, and wearing only completely enclosed shoes (no sandals, clogs, crocs, high heels or light-weight slipper shoes).

For more information please see the following [article](#) or the [University's Chemical Hygiene Plan](#).

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## LAB DECOMMISSIONINGS:

Over the years, a number of laboratories have been vacated by Principal Investigators and were found to contain abandoned equipment, chemicals, biological specimens, sharps, radioactive materials, and a variety of waste materials. Those entering these spaces (cleaning staff, contractors, new occupants, etc.) are placed at risk of exposure to unknown agents. To correct these issues, a Laboratory Decommissioning Program has been implemented.

Periodic changes/updates are made to this program as needed. Ultimately, the Principle Investigators and their associated Departments are responsible to adhere to this program. Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) will construct, implement, and oversee the program. For in-depth information and expectations – see the EHS website for [Lab Decommissioning](#)

## Institutional Biological Safety Committee reminder:

The NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules ([NIH Guidelines](#)) apply to all University PI's, even if they do not receive NIH funding. Do you need a refresher, or just a quick place to go, for what requires Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) approval? The IBC has a one page, "[IBC quick reference, \(updated 6/2018\)](#)"

## Summer Visitor Guidelines

Summer may bring additional visitors to the lab. Unsupervised volunteers and visitors can create a risk for injury and additional liability on the University. EH&S has guidance on how to keep visitors safe at: <http://www.safety.rochester.edu/ih/guidelines/labvisitors.html>.

This Guideline applies to all academic, clinical, and service units involved in University of Rochester operations.

Please note that there is very strict criteria regarding minors in laboratories.

Please note: with summer in full swing, summer vacations are here too. While EH&S hours of operations will remain to be M-F 8am-5pm, please be note that a different Safety Specialist may be replying to your inquiry or concern. If you need immediate assistance, please call our Main Office at 275-3241 or email [questions@safety.rochester.edu](mailto:questions@safety.rochester.edu).

Anyone can join the Laboratory announcement listserv by emailing [listserv@lists.rochester.edu](mailto:listserv@lists.rochester.edu) with a message body of "Subscribe to URLaboratorySafety" and listing your first and last name.

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