

Safety news

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1. Updated list of EHS personnel

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2. Safety information available on the departmental safety website

With the new design of the departmental website, the safety information has been moved to the bottom webpage under “You may also want”. You will access first “Training” and from this webpage you can find the Safety News and the Safe work procedures during COVID-19 (see SAFETY on the upper right corner).

The Safety group has worked with Maureen to post safety training information including **the link to register** for the Faculty of Science Safety training offered by Betty Lerner and a **list of the required quizzes and forms to complete**.

- The safety training has been divided into:
 - **Teaching**
 - Training for new instructors/teaching staff
 - Training for TAs
 - Training for instructors involved in course field trips
 - **Research**
 - Training for new lab personnel including principal investigators
 - Training for field research
 - Training for facilities (greenhouse and autoclave)
 - Link to animal care training
 - **“Other”**

This page is still under construction. It will contain the following information:

- First day of class fire slide
- Information for invigilators/instructors (including emergency contact information, evacuation procedures/muster points, building street addresses)
 - The Safety Group recommended that building addresses be posted in all teaching rooms. This information is required in case of emergency when calling 911. This issue will be further discussed with the LASH committee.
- EHS links to specific forms
- Autoclave training information
- List of emergency contacts/first aiders for all Biological Sciences buildings
- List of safety documents to be posted/available in labs. The Safety Group will work with Betty Lerner to prepare this list.

3. Safety training requirement for autoclave users

All autoclave users, including students and lab personnel are required to complete the autoclave training conducted by Carl Szczerski or by Microbiology. Supervisors should check that their lab personnel have completed a recent autoclave safety training before using the equipment. A training session will be provided as a refresher early next year.

4. CO₂ monitoring

You can contact EHS to get a CO₂ monitor to test the air quality in classrooms and offices.

5. Lab inspections by EHS

The EHS lab inspection reports for each lab are available on researchers EHSA database (use this link to login: <https://umanitoba.ca/environmental-health-and-safety/ehsa-assistant>).

For the teaching labs, EHS has used the contact's name on the WHIP sign. Contact Sylvie Renault or Betty Lerner if you need assistance to access the database and/or with the corrections of the deficiencies/violations.

- **WHIP signs**

To update the WHIP signs posted outside the labs:

- Login in the EHSA database <https://umanitoba.ca/environmental-health-and-safety/ehsa-assistant>
- Select “CHEM Permit/WHIP Application” listed under “Questionnaire” to update your chemical permit