Quarterly Laboratory Safety Update

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EH&S Supports the Research Ramp-Up Stage 3

After sheltering in place for the last 3 months UCSB is preparing to enter phase 3 of the Research Ramp-Up process. Critical research requests, now including also time sensitive projects, should be submitted to assign Building Committees. Careful coordination will be required in order to safely bring back 8 to 15% of the
researchers to the labs.

In order to support faculty and staff with preparing their COVID-19 safety plans, the Research Safety division at EH&S posted online the following guidelines:

1. Lab Space Planning and General Lab Safety Checklist
2. Guidelines for Cleaning and Disinfecting of Laboratory Spaces
3. Guidelines of Maintaining Reusable and Shared PPE
4. Face Covering Guidance (forthcoming)

During Phase 3 of the Research Ramp-Up Process EH&S will be the distribution center for facial masks. Building Committees should fill out a Request Excel Sheet on building level and submit it to amoretto@ucsb.edu. EH&S will provide one mask per a work day in a week (e.g. if the researcher will work 3 days in a week they will receive 3 masks).

As always, please, don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. We are here to help!

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A Sneak Peek: Face Covering Guidance (coming soon):

It is required that all individuals wear face coverings any time they are on campus, in accordance with established best practices.

Think Tidy!
Part of the Research Ramp-Up process requires an initial building walk-through prior approving research activities. Laboratories are checked for hazards and obvious problems. **Housekeeping** is first on the list. Maintaining well organized and clean laboratories is critical during this combined effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 disease. Removing clutter from work areas will allow for better results during **lab surfaces disinfection**. The importance of housekeeping does not stop with the end of the pandemic. Good housekeeping is an effective way to reduce injuries and increase productivity. An article published by the Health + Safety Magazine has for you 11 tips for effective housekeeping.
Do you need a GPS, two ways radios or a first aid kit for your trip? How about a satellite communicator or maybe a bear canister?

EH&S is offering loaner equipment to field researchers at NO COST.

For a full list of available equipment please visit our website!
Contact nelly.traitecheva@ucsb.edu with any questions regarding using the equipment.

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