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 <u>phase 3</u> of the <u>Research Ramp-Up</u> <u>process</u>. 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 <u>posted online</u> the following guidelines:

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

During Phase 3 of the <u>Research Ramp-Up Process</u> EH&S will be the distribution center for facial masks. Building Committees should fill out a <u>Request Excel Sheet</u> on building level and submit it to <u>amoretto@ucsb.edu</u>. 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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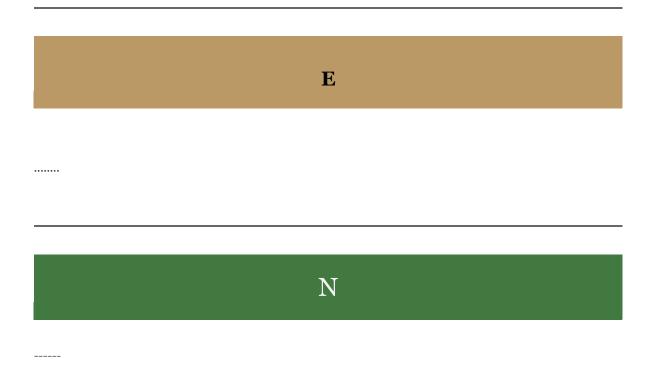
A Sneak Peek: Face Covering Guidance (coming soon):

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-thought 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 <u>lab surfaces disinfection</u>. The importance of

<u>housekeeping does not stop with the end of the pandemic.</u> Good housekeeping is an effective way to reduce injuries and increase productivity. An article published by the <u>Health + Safety Magazine</u> 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 <u>website</u>! Contact <u>nelly.traitcheva@ucsb.edu</u> with any questions regarding using the equipment.

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