In the event of an exposure/suspected exposure, fill out a notice of injury form and submit immediately to ehs@umanitoba.ca

BPAC submissions should be made electronically: biosafety.program@umanitoba.ca (Use the BPAC checklist to assist in getting your BPAC approved!)

Update your biosafety facility certification to identify any changes to personnel, rooms, inventory etc. without delay. To get started, visit the EHSA database.

Importing/exporting Risk Group 2 Pathogens or Toxins requires a signed and submitted Biohazardous Agent Transfer form

New Biosafety Manual & Appendices

A new U of M Biosafety Manual is being implemented with accompanying The new manual and appendices can be found on our website.

The new format of the manual is intended to guide users through the University program in the context of the Human Pathogens and Toxins Act and Regulation compliance. Hard copies DO NOT need to be kept in the lab, however it should be accessible upon inspection (i.e. it can be accessed through the web or a copies are downloaded on lab computers)

Dual –Use Potential Standard

The Biological Safety Committee has approved the use of our new Dual Use Potential Risk Assessment Standard. The standard sets out reasonable definitions of what agents require assessment as potential biological weapons. The Dual-Use Potential Standard is available on our website.

ePATHogen Database

The Public Health Agency of Canada has launched a publicly accessible database where users can find the risk group classifications for biological agents. This database is similar to what biosafety officers use in the HPTA license portal to verify the regulatory status of a biological agents.

Hazwaste Pick up/Drop Off

EHS provides hazardous waste management for University labs. If you have large volumes of old chemicals or sharps to dispose of, contact hazwaste@umanitoba.ca to arrange a pick up time.

For labs at the Bannatyne campus, regularly scheduled hazwaste hours are on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 11am-12pm in 071 Brodie where you can drop off items for disposal.

FYI: Information and Data Management Security

The University IST dept can set up a shared drive (at no added cost!) for authorized users to access to store and share materials. Establishing an internal file-sharing system on University servers enhances biosecurity as it protects and restricts information regarding pathogens and relevant technologies. We strongly encourage our bio-users to implement this system for data and information management. Contact IST for more information.

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