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

BPAC submissions can be made through internal mail P310 Pathology or 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 EHS database.

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

Biosecurity Inspections

Bioagent use labs that are using Risk Group 2 agents (containment zones) are required to having biosecurity measures in place. As we have identified all the containment zones at the University, we will be conducting biosecurity inspections.

Containment zones are required to have their doors kept closed at all time and locked when no one is in the room.

This informal first notice will be put on your door if it was found open.
If the door is found open again, we will cite the lab officially follow up with the permit holder.

Summertime in the Lab

Training and Permits

- Anyone working directly with biological agents must complete Generic biosafety training and be added to the biosafety permit where the work is being done.
- Generic biosafety training is available through UM-Learn, site-specific training must be provided by a lab supervisor or their knowledgeable designate.
- Refer to our UMToday article for other training provided by EHS.

Clothing

- With the warmer temperatures brings the need to dress lighter, however appropriate attire in the lab is expected. When working in a lab, you must wear full-length pants/leggings and full shoes that cover the foot. This is to limit direct contact in the event of an exposure to a hazardous lab reagent.

No Food/Drink

- Ice cream and frozen beverages are yummy, but taste better outside. No food or drink in the lab!

Incidents

- In the event of any exposure, incident or near-miss, fill out a Notice of Injury form and submit to ehso@umanitoba.ca within 24 hours of the occurrence.

Cell Phone Use

- Cell phones/devices should not be used where active lab work is being done to avoid contamination. Keep the device use to paperwork stations only!