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EH&S Holiday Closure Safety Guide

UC San Diego (excluding hospitals and clinics) will officially close for the holidays Saturday, December 22, 2012 through Tuesday, January 1, 2013. Environment, Health & Safety will have minimal staff on duty and services will be curtailed during the closure. See information about EH&S services below.

EH&S Contacts During the Closure

EH&S will have minimal staff on duty to assist researchers and campus departments on the non-holiday closure days of December 26, 27, and 28.

Contact staff listed below for any EH&S issue during that time:

Lance Scott
(858) 534-7651
cell (858) 583-3267
lscott@ucsd.edu

Jonathan Joyce
(858) 822-6886
cell (858) 583-1808
jjoyce@ucsd.edu

Beth Leeks
(858) 534-6359
cell (858) 583-3261
bleeks@ucsd.edu

Emergency or Hazardous Material Spill Response

Call UCSD Police:
9-1-1
or (858) 534-HELP (4357)

Two EH&S staff members are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. To reach EH&S for urgent matters contact UCSD Police Dispatch at (858) 534-HELP (4357).

Campus dispatchers will summon EH&S responders. Typical incidents include hazardous spills and report of personal exposure to chemicals.

Hazardous Waste

There will be no collection of chemical and radioactive waste from research facilities during the week of December 24–28. Normal collections resume on January 2.

For biohazardous waste: there will be one biohazardous waste collection on Wednesday, December 26 for building exterior caged areas only. If your storage area requires collection service, contact EH&S staff through the UCSD Police Dispatch: (858) 534-4357.

Please prepare accordingly!

In the weeks leading up to closure, clear as much hazardous waste from labs as possible. Labs remaining open during this period must have sufficient containers and storage space to collect wastes.

EH&S Services Lab (Isotope Lab)

Closed during the official campus closure December 22 through January 1. Service resumes on January 2.

Pest Control

Call (858) 534-4534
or e-mail ehspest@ucsd.edu

Pest Management staff will be on call for emergency pest control services.

PPE for Researchers

UC San Diego has undertaken a centrally funded program to provide labs with minimum personal protective equipment (PPE).

Learn about UCSD’s laboratory PPE distribution initiative on Blink at http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/ppe including who is eligible for this free PPE distribution and how to participate. Fitting events for lab coats are going on now.

UCSD’s High-Hazard Materials Requirement

Thirty chemical agents are currently identified as high-hazard chemicals by UC San Diego’s Chemical Safety & Surveillance Committee (CSSC).

UCSD researchers working with materials on the high-hazard list are required to follow an approved Hazard Control Plan (HCP) obtained through the online Chemical Hazard Use Application (CHUA).

View the high-hazard chemicals list and learn more about CHUA on Blink at http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/chua

Questions? Contact the EH&S Chemical Hygiene Officer at ehschem@ucsd.edu.
When a Work-Related Injury or Exposure Happens

Go to the UC San Diego website at ucsd.edu and type injury in the Search box. Click on “What to Do if a Work-Related Injury, Illness, or Exposure Occurs” and follow the instructions.

Do You Work With or Near Research Animals?

UC San Diego’s Vivarium Safety Program requires a risk assessment be completed for every employee or affiliate working with or in close proximity to research animals, even if there is no contact with animals, to determine if the individual’s medical status may make him or her more susceptible to possible illnesses.

Based on risk assessment results, some individuals will be required to participate in medical surveillance. Others may be strongly encouraged to consult an occupational health professional.

Learn more at http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/vivariumsafety.

Questions? Contact Deborah Durand, Vivarium Safety Officer, at (858) 534-6715 or ddurand@ucsd.edu.

Whose Safety Is It?

Take safety personally. Workplace safety depends on every UC San Diego employee taking appropriate safety precautions as we plan and perform our daily work activities.

Participate in your own workplace safety. Here’s what you can do:

- Review UCSD’s online Laboratory Safety Manual:
  http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/menu/lab
- Get safety training for the materials, equipment, and procedures you will use before you begin work.
- Follow standard operating procedures for your lab.
- Wear appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE).
- Evaluate the hazards and environmental impacts associated with your work – then figure out the safest, most environmentally sound way to do it.
- Ask questions if you need more information.
- Report safety concerns to your PI, lab supervisor, or EH&S.

Questions? Contact the Research Assistance Program: ehsrap@ucsd.edu.

ChemCycle

UCSD’s chemical recycling facility
Good for the pocketbook and the environment.
http://www-ehs.ucsd.edu/chemcycle/

Safety Training Tips

UC Learning Center
http://ulearning.ucsd.edu

New eCourses on UC Learning Center!

Controlled Substances Workers, have you completed the new CS eCourse?

Strongly recommended for PIs, lab contacts, and authorized personnel working with CS, the new Controlled Substances Training eCourse provides information required for researchers to use controlled substances in compliance with institutional and regulatory standards.

This introduction to the secure use of controlled substances covers the Controlled Substance Use Authorization (CSUA) and online CSU application, storage site controls and security, ordering, delivery, and receipt of CS, usage logs and biennial inventory, policies regarding transfer, importing, and exporting CS, disposal, diversion and loss reporting, and illicit activities and repercussions.

Visit UC Learning Center and search the keyword “controlled substances” to take the new CS eCourse.

Training for Voluntary Users of N-95 Filtering Facepieces

If you voluntarily* use a N-95 filtering facepiece (dust mask) for respiratory protection against nuisance large-size particulates, you will want to take the new Voluntary Use of an N-95 Respirator eCourse on UC Learning Center. You will learn about correct use of a N-95, the importance of achieving a good fit, limitations of a N-95, and proper storage procedures.

If you choose to use a N-95, make sure you are using it correctly. Visit UC Learning Center and search the keyword “N-95” to take the new N-95 eCourse.

* If you are using the N-95 filtering facepiece on a mandatory status, additional regulatory requirements such as hazard analysis and fit-testing must be completed.

Make sure you are trained to safely perform your job. Find more safety training resources on Blink:

http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/safetytraining