

University Health and Safety Committee

Date of Meeting: August 26, 2020

Time: 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Location: Via Zoom

Members in attendance: Mike Bamberger, Heidi Melton, Stephanie Harrison, Tarrigon Van Denburg, Laura Beaver, Ryan Mitchell, Dan Kermoyan, Sam Gras (Chair), Tom Doyle, Marcia Dickson, Keith Foster, Jim Patton, Kay Miller, Chandra Char, Linda Nye, Carrie Burkholder, Mike Mayers, Debi Rothermund, Steve Pitman, Jennifer McKay

Guest in attendance: Dave Adams, SAIF

Members absent: Martha Adams, Marcus Silkman, Jon-Michael McDaniel, Brian Stroup

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 2:30 pm by Sam Gras, Chair

2. July 2020 – approve minutes

Postponed to next meeting

3. Old Business

3.1 Sub- Committee/Work Group Reports/Assignments

3.1.1 Policy Review Work Group (Dan K) – waiting for status update (at policy committee)

Minor delay, but is still top priority

3.2 Safety Walks – submit completed walks to the Excel file in Box. Only route 6 remains to be spoken for.

3.3 Action Items Update (pulled from meeting minutes)

- SAIF resources from American Industrial Hygiene Association
 - Resumption kits are TBD, waiting on backordered items, will include instructions for cleaning, etc. Resumption team should be the lead.
 - There has been an addendum to the Building Managers Manual addressing COVID. Dan will send the link to Sam.
- Minors in work areas, Office of Youth Safety and Compliance
 - No update
- Safety Coordinator program (roles and responsibilities)
 - Will be updated and strengthened in the overarching safety policy
- COVID information folder and situational awareness
 - Items have been added to the folder
 - Contact Sam with suggestions

4. Accident & Inspection Reports

4.1 Accident Reports – prior month (Heidi)

- Is the use of needleless caps for IV fluids good for many situations? Matt Philpott would know better how much these are being used on campus. MP has been working on this for some time. There have been discussions over the years regarding syringes at Vet Med. There has been some resistance from the “old school”. Probably most are using traditional equipment. This injury would have been preventable if using the new technology. Dave Adams can send needle stick resources. Does Vet Med leadership support use of newer devices? Could ask MP to address the UHSC. Bloodborne pathogen standards do not apply at Vet Med (must be human source).
- Protective eyewear was not used aboard the R/V Elakha while measuring crabs. Eye injury occurred when throwing a crab back into the ocean. Lab standards should apply. Weather conditions could cause problems with wearing safety glasses. Often there are budgetary constraints for prescription safety glasses.

4.2 Fire Safety Inspections Update, available online (Jim Patton and Kay M) Postponed to next meeting.

4.4 Facilities Monthly Life/ Safety Work Orders/ Report (Facilities Services) Postponed to next meeting.

4.4 On-Call Log / Report of Unsafe Conditions (EHS) Postponed to next meeting.

5. New Business

5.1 Covid-19 and resumption updates

“One very difficult forest fire of cases” “It’s not going away.” “We knew how to close schools, but we have no idea how to properly reopen schools.”

6. Guest speaker

6.1 Introduction and presentation by Jenny Haubenreiser, Continuity Management Team

- Dan Larson, Vice Provost for Student Affairs, is the OSU Covid coordinator
- Reopening OSU is “Like trying to building a rocket that just got launched.”
- Sector guidance, public health authorities, CDC – OHA – local health authorities
- OSU lead the way with wearing masks
- Education is a considered a group activity
- Testing, tracing, quarantine, prevention are all important safety activities
- Covid-19 presents a public health challenge (up to 40% of infections are asymptomatic)
- Prevent – test – trace – isolate – contain – care
- Limiting indoor or outdoor social gatherings to 10 or fewer, whether or not associated with OSU activities
- Kate Brown may institute travel restrictions if necessary
- OHS provides guidance to medical providers regarding who gets tested and when
- TRACE will begin in September for OSU, random testing of individuals, at all three campuses

- Screening tests are being done for athletes
- Move-in testing will be done during 5-day move-in period; tests can be run in-house with results within a few hours
- Students who test positive will be quarantined at a separate residence hall
- Testing is still too expensive to do as much as is needed
- Cleanliness and face coverings in residence halls are fastidious
- Student Health Services is assisting the county with contact tracing
- Contact tracing is under the auspices of the local health authority
- OSU can begin the process (sooner than the county health department) of contact tracing
- Communicable disease response plan includes points of contact for each group of people (faculty/staff, student, visitor, etc.)
- OSU is taking extra measures above OHA requirements, to support workers, etc.

6.2 Questions and answers

- Public health emergency supersedes HIPPA and FERPA protections, but are adhered to as much as possible
- Student Code of Conduct requires gatherings to be limited to fewer than 10 people
- Is there any pairing of antibody testing with Covid positive testing? Accuracy of the antibody test is questionable. It is not clear what the result means, especially in terms of immunity.
- There is a search for cheaper and faster testing that could possibly be self-administered.
- Employee testing capabilities? Rite-Aid is offering self-referred testing at no cost as part of a funded study.
- CDC changed guidance to warrant testing for anyone who knows they have been exposed to a Covid-positive person
- Asymptomatic testing is generally not covered by insurance
- What can UHSC do to help? Everyone is involved and adjusting what they do and how they do it. Students really want to come back to school.
- It's all a community effort.

6.3 Conclusion

- Stay resilient
- We at OSU do meaningful work. Workers have a sense of purpose.
- Health disparities have become highlighted

7. Safety Training: Upcoming/ Planned/ Updates

7.1 Submit upcoming/completed training information/records to Kay for recordkeeping

7.2 In June, July, and August, Environmental Health and Safety recorded the following trainings, which involved 115 departments:

Jun-Aug 2020	Course
84	Bloodborne pathogens/laboratory biosafety
38	Bloodborne pathogens for non-lab workers
28	Bloodborne pathogen awareness
26	Bloodborne pathogen overview
14	Biosafety cabinets

2	NIH guidelines
176	Infection control
67	Hazardous waste
6	Hazardous materials shipping awareness
66	Universal waste handling
12	Autoclave safety
26	Hydrofluoric acid awareness
22	Lab hazard awareness for non-lab workers
18	Formaldehyde safety
217	General laboratory safety
1	Controlled substances
23	Fume hood safety
12	Liquid nitrogen safety
98	Animal handler safety
48	Noise and hearing conservation
27	Respirator training/fit test
3	Asbestos awareness
3	Back safety and injury prevention
4	Behavior-based safety program
25	Compressed gas cylinder safety
267	Cold, flu & transmissible illness prevention
5	Confined spaces
94	Covid awareness
25	Covid-19 masks, coverings and respirators
5	Electrical safety
1	Excavating, trenching and shoring
20	Eyewash and emergency showers
2	Fall protection
5	Field research safety
108	Fire extinguishers
198	Flu season
1	Forklift
323	Hand washing
82	Globally harmonized system/Hazcomm/SDS
21	Golf cart/utility vehicle
3	Hand and power tools
4	Hearing protection awareness
2	Industrial ergonomics overview
7	Ladder safety
3	Lead awareness
5	Lock-out/tag-out
3	Machine guarding
18	Office and general safety
736	Pandemic – slowing the spread
2	Respiratory protection overview
1	Scaffold safety
4	Silica hazards overview

2	Stormwater management program
3	Wastewater management program
2	Nuclear gauge training
1	Isotope user refresher
14	Laser safety
8	Sealed radiation source training or refresher
31	X-ray machine safety

8. Agenda Items) for Next Meeting

8.1 Fall term resumption plan and pandemic updates

Mostly remote

Mask policy update (mostly focused on students, but being applied to faculty/staff)

8.2 Resident testing

Resumption team announced that testing will be done during move-in, about 1 hour turnaround for on-campus residents.

Online building manager sessions have been useful

Non-OSU assessment tool has been put in the UHSC box

Library reopening announcement came out today

Resumption kits are TBD

8.2 Members are asked to give Sam suggestions/requests for future guest speakers.

8.3 Other business

Dave Warneking: Brian Stroup will return in September. There is isolation space within UHDS. The number of students who are planning to move to campus is dropping significantly. September 18 begins move-in. Early move-in is allowed for people to drop off their things prior to official move-in days. Move-ins will be conducted building by building. Everyone will go to Reser Stadium, get tested, get keys, check in, then be taken to the building with lead cars. No volunteers will be involved. No visitors will be allowed into halls. The reduction in students and closures really hits the dining halls, but affects all of UHDS. Mental health concerns due to empty residence halls, for new students in particular. Students on campus will have very few opportunities for socialization. All dining will be to-go. No athletics. UHDS is working with parents and students about how things will be done. Will not hold students to contracts for housing.

Faculty/Staff fitness programs are going on. Having been going well throughout the summer. Offered by the department of Public Health and Human Sciences.

Rec Sports has been open since mid-June. Preparing for being one of the few places open on campus. Doing temperature screenings for every individual who enters the facilities. Bring a mask.

8.3 Open for suggestions

Adjourned 4:00 pm

Next Meeting Date / Venue: September 23, 2020 / Zoom