

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION - CSU Foothills Campus

SAFE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: IMMUNIZATIONS AND ENTRANCE INTO LABORATORIES

During the past decade, numerous equipment upgrades and modifications of laboratory safety techniques have greatly enhanced the margins of biosafety in CDC laboratories, Building 1300. One major change for Facilities Management staff is that routine immunizations are no longer required for entry in laboratory areas under most circumstances. **Each laboratory is labeled with the required immunizations for entry into the area. If you do not have the immunization, please contact the Biosafety Officer or Deputy Director for Management for advice.** Certain situations leading to prolonged projects within the building may require immunizations. You will be advised if this occurs.

While most areas can be entered with appropriate precautions, it is not true that entry is possible anywhere at any time. Please observe the following general guidelines for your personal safety:

- ◆ Always check in and out with the guards or front desk.
- ◆ Entries into chases at CDC building 1300 are through non-infected office areas, so all chases may be entered at any time.
- ◆ Any area **without a biohazard** sign on the door can be entered at any time.
- ◆ Doors with card key access can only be entered by pre-approved CSU individuals. Other individuals must be accompanied by either authorized CSU employees (i.e., their card key works on the door) or an authorized CDC employee.
- ◆ A marked biohazard area (all such areas have signs clearly posted on the doors) should never be entered during normal working hours (8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.) without prior clearance from the Biosafety Officer, Dr. Sherry Henry, or, in her absence, the Deputy Director for Management, Mel Fernandez, or in both their absences, Dr. John Roeheig or Dr. Joe Piesman.
- ◆ Outside of normal working hours, no lab with a biohazard sign should be entered if someone is seen to be working in it, without first obtaining assurance from the laboratory technician present that it is safe to enter.
- ◆ **The BSL 3 laboratory, also known as the High Security Laboratory (Room 208), should NEVER be entered unless accompanied by either Safety Officer or Deputy Director for Management.** Under nearly all circumstances, unless there is a prolonged power failure or a system bypass, the keycard system will exclude unauthorized and unaccompanied entries.
- ◆ In the event of power failure, particular care must be taken. A power failure may mean that containment of an infectious agent in a biological safety cabinet has been compromised to some degree. **Always consult the Safety Officer or Deputy Director for Management in an electrical power failure situation.**

Never enter the bioclimatic chambers (stainless steel doors) in the insectary building unaccompanied.

For more information call or write to:

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