

LABORATORY RULES

In this laboratory, you will work with potentially dangerous microorganisms. To protect your laboratory partners and yourself, it is imperative that you follow the laboratory rules. Failure to do so may result in point deductions or ejection from the laboratory.

1. Do not take this laboratory if you are immunocompromised (if you are a transplant recipient, are receiving chemotherapy, or have AIDS, for example).
2. Come to laboratory understanding the work you are to do.
3. No eating, drinking, smoking, gum chewing, pencil chewing, etc. in the laboratory. Do not mouth pipette. Keep your hands away from your mouth and eyes.
4. No bare feet. Purchase an inexpensive laboratory coat, as the laboratory coat may not leave the laboratory area without being decontaminated.
5. Wash your hands before leaving the laboratory and at any time you may have contaminated them. If the laboratory guide or the laboratory instructor suggests that you wear gloves, do so. Gloves are required when working with certain potentially infectious microorganisms.
6. If you have long hair, tie it back to keep it out of cultures and Bunsen burners.
7. Wipe your laboratory desk with disinfectant at the beginning and end of each laboratory period. (If your disinfectant squirt bottle is empty, add one capful of disinfectant and fill with water.)
8. Immediately report to the laboratory instructor all accidents or spills.
9. Carefully follow the clean-up guidelines. The discard area is one of the most hazardous areas of the laboratory. Notify your instructor if you run out of discard pans, trays or baskets. Some materials will require special handling. Pay attention when the instructor tells you how to discard them.
 - a. Measuring pipettes — tall pipette buckets on desktop
 - b. Pasteur pipettes — short pipette buckets on desktop
 - c. Plasticware — plastic kill pan on discard cart
 - d. Glassware — metal tray on discard cart (remove all labels before discarding)
 - e. Test tubes — slanted baskets on discard cart (remove labels and place tubes carefully to avoid spilling)

I have read these safety guidelines and agree to abide by them

Name (print):

Signature: