**Yale New Haven Hospital**

**Department of Laboratory Medicine**

**SAFETY COMMITTEE – Agenda**

**July 15, 2021**

**Skype 2-3 pm**

**1. Proforma: Kathy Rymut , Hailey Davis, Lindsay D’Amato, Nancy Duprey**

**Safety Rounds**:

**Employee Health and Safety Committee: No report.**

Mandatory Covid-19 and FLU Vaccinations required for all employees and students.

**Employees and medical staff with COVID-19 related questions should call the Employee Resource Center at 1-844-543-2147, Option 2, including concerns about exposure, testing, vaccine reactions, return to work, travel, etc., seven days a week,**

**7 am – 7pm**.



**Old Business :**

1. YSC Main Lab Electrical Update- The temperatures have been in the normal range since the splice repair was done and no more repairs are required.
2. Extension cords should all be hospital grade. (No flip Unit) the cords should be a tripp lite extension cord. To get replacements order in facilinet for a “tripp lite extension cord” no Splitters are not allowed.
3. CFH and BSC hoods to be certified annually. Is the flow monitored and documented? If storing chemicals in CFH hood the hood should be left on.
4. Review of Safety concerns in the lab: Dirty floors, eye wash caps closed and dust free.

Hoods clear of items blocking flow vents in back and front of hood, torn chairs, items on floor, loose wires (tripping hazard), hair that is houlder length of longer should be pulled back if working with instrument with moving parts, 18 inch clearance to ceiling. Safety checklist?

1. **Dress code – NO direct skin exposed, no capries, If skirts worn must wear nylons.**
2. **HW weekly inspection chart updated. Moved everyone up a month and added Hematology person to be determined for December.**

**New Business:**

1. **New Member Welcome: Lisa Mehlin from Hematology - Dec. Weekly checks.**
2. **Review of last safety meting-extension cords, safety checks for next inspection.**
3. **Shipping training for cat A and B.**
4. **Eye washees with no connection to drains. Buckets to be ordered and secondary bucket for use to empty water from bucket in sink.**
5. **Generator check that tripped the fume hoods to alarm and fume hoods flow wasn’t working. In the event that hoods are not functioning properly they should not be used under any circumstances.**
6. All YNHHS healthcare workers and staff (including employees, medical staff, volunteers, students, contractors, vendors and traveling staff) must have a record of COVID-19 vaccination submitted to Occupational Health by September 30, 2021. Recognizing access to YNHHS systems differs among groups, individuals should follow these steps to provide proof of vaccination:

**Employees and YNHHS-employed Medical Staff (with access to Infor):**

- Take a picture of your vaccination card or scan your documentation

- Save the photo or file to your device or computer

- Log into Infor

- Click on “Covid Attestation” in the Employee Health widget. This will bring you to ESS

- Click COVID Validation

- Enter the vaccine information

- Upload and submit the copy of your vaccination record

**Those without access without access to Infor:**

- Take a picture of your vaccination card or scan your documentation

- Save the photo or file to your device or computer

- Attach the file(s) to an email and send it to [vaccineinfo@ynhh.org](mailto:vaccineinfo@ynhh.org)

1. Communicating safety minutes to staff?

**Post in lab and have all staff members read & sign off.**

1. **Lab safety checklist?**

**Other Concerns:**

**Next Meeting:**   
August 12th at 2 pm Zoom

**Call in number 515-603-3165 Access code 457832#**