



10 Things You Should Know About the Biosafety Laboratory

1. **The Biosafety Lab will study infectious disease to find cures and save lives.**
2. **The Biosafety Lab will be built and operated exceeding existing safety standards.**
3. **The Biosafety Lab will benefit the economy. It is estimated that the Biosafety Lab will have an economic impact of \$2.9 billion on the City of Boston during the next 20 years.**
4. **The Biosafety Lab will be part of a national network of secure facilities that study infectious diseases – whether they occur naturally or are introduced through bioterrorism.**
5. **The Biosafety Level 4 (BSL-4) suite comprises 15% of the site.**
6. **There has NEVER been a community incident or accidental environmental release connected with a laboratory of this kind in the existing Level 4 Labs in North America.**
7. **The laboratory will create approximately 660 jobs at ALL job classification levels.**
8. **Thirteen hundred jobs will be created during construction; with a goal of HALF of these going to Boston residents.**
9. **Community outreach is an ongoing component of the project. BUMC is committed to outreach with community. There have been more than 240 community meetings held to date.**
10. **Classified research will not be done at the Biosafety Lab. In addition, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases does not support classified research. Researchers will be working to develop drugs, vaccines and treatments for emerging infectious diseases whether they occur naturally or are deliberately introduced through bioterrorism.**