

BU Agent Incident Reporting Summary October 2013 to December 2013 Q4								
**CAMPUS	Date of Incident	Incident Type/Agent Involved	BSL	Transmissible Person to Person	Description	*Reportable Incident	Report of Clinical Illness	Comments/Corrective Actions
BU Medical Campus (BUMC)								
BUMC	10/1/13	Allergy symptom	BSL 1	No	Researcher presented to ROHP with a 3 day history of burning of the eye, nose and throat consistent of allergy symptoms. She has had no change in her work. The laboratory has experienced increase dust during construction in building. Symptoms resolved after construction was completed and lab was cleaned of dust.	No	No	Researcher was evaluated at ROHP; EHS performed evaluation of the laboratory and conducted multiple follow-up visits
BUMC	10/1/13	Allergy symptom	BSL 1	No	Researcher presented to ROHP with a 3 day history of itching sensation in both eye consistent of allergy symptoms. She has had no change in her work. The laboratory has experienced increase dust during construction on building. Symptoms resolve after construction was completed and lab was cleaned of dust.	No	No	Researcher was evaluated at ROHP; EHS performed evaluation of the laboratory and conducted multiple follow-up visits
BUMC	10/10/13	Mouse bite	BSL 2	No	A researcher sustained a mouse bite while stimulating the animal with light during an experiment. The researcher cleaned the wound with soap and water. No biological or toxin had been involved.	Yes, BPCH	No	The student was re-trained by the PI on proper restraint for future use.
BUMC	10/18/13	Needle stick	BSL 2	No	A researcher came to ROHP to report a needle stick to her index finger. She was drawing blood from the heart of a mouse and the incident occurred while recapping the needle. No biological or toxins were involved or used on the mouse.	No	No	Research assistant was re-trained on sharps safety. Prior to the incident the researcher did not gather supplies and necessary items prior to the start of the procedure. Since the incident the research assistant has placed a sharps container near the set-up.
BUMC	11/17/13	Rat bite	BSL 2	No	A research assistant sustained a rat bite and was seen at ROHP. The incident occurred while the rat that was being injected with colchicine, the animal turned it's head and bite the researcher index finger. He immediately washed the affected area and applied bacitracin to the site then came to ROHP to report the incident. No toxins or biological agents were involved.	Yes, BPHC	No	HS Specialist Amanda Bush suggested marking a black line to indicate where the pipette should stop while being placed in the rubber tubing.
BUMC	11/19/13	Ocular Splash	BSL 2	No	A postdoc fellow was seen at ROHP today for an incident that involved a splash of mouse blood and tissue to both of his eyes. The researcher was working with a wild type B6 mouse cutting the tissue with a blunt scissors and not wearing eye protection when blood and tissue splashed into the researcher eye. He immediately irrigated both eyes for an came to ROHP to report the incident. No toxins or biological agents were involved.	No	No	The lab and since purchased and made available more safety glasses and sharper instruments.
BUMC	11/22/13	Laceration	BSL 2	No	A researcher was working in a BSC performing tissue culturing of peripheral blood mononuclear cells using a glass pipette sustained a finger laceration. The glass pipette broke causing a small cut to the researchers index finger. The researcher washed the laceration for 15 minute and then clean it with alcohol. Documentation was available that the cell sample where HIV, HBV and HCV negative.	No	No	HS Specialist Amanda Bush suggested marking a black line to indicate where the pipette should stop while being placed in the rubber tubing.

BUMC	12/20/13	Inhalation	BSL 2	No	A researcher presented at ROHP with an inhalation exposure to pure ammonia. While working in the lab, using pure ammonia under a hood, the employee wondered whether it was really ammonia because she could not smell it. The researcher sniffed the ammonia and immediately felt upper respiratory irritation. She came immediately to ROHP, where she was evaluated and treated.	No	No	Researcher was evaluated at ROHP; EHS advised personnel on proper chemical handling.
Charles River Campus								
CRC	11/18/13	Chemical Splash	BSL 1	No	EHS reported that an undergraduate student over pressurized a separatory funnel resulting in spilling of solution of bromine, acetic acid, and sodium bicarbonate on gloves, and lab coat. No contact was made with her skin, she remove her lab coat, used the safety shower to wash off any remaining chemicals.	No	No	Student will not come into work if she feels tired or sick. EHS advised her that anytime you develop new products or process that you can not always predict it's properties and must account for the unknown element.
National Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory (NEIDL)		No incidents						
Other- Collaborating Laboratory		No incidents						

* Indicates if incident is reportable to local, state or federal agency (e.g. Centers for Disease Control, National Institutes of Health, Boston Public Health Commission, etc.)

** Campus Location

BUMC - Boston University Medical Center

CRC - Charles River Campus

NEIDL - National Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory

Other - work done at collaborating laboratories