**Laboratory Safety Regulations**

These rules are to protect you and everyone working in the laboratory.

# WE WILL BE WORKING WITH LIVE HUMAN PATHOGENS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF MAKING YOU VERY SICK IF YOU DO NOT HANDLE THEM WITH CARE!!!

1. **NO EATING, DRINKING, GUM CHEWING, OR SMOKING IN THE LABORATORY**
2. Wash your hands upon entry into and exit from the laboratory
3. Disinfect your work area before and after working in the area
4. Keep your work area free of clutter (ie. books, paper, notebooks, etc…)
5. **NO HORSEPLAY ALLOWED!** Anyone displaying disruptive behavior will be asked to leave and will receive a failing grade for that lab section.

# DO NOT PUT ANYTHING INTO YOUR MOUTH, NOSE, EYES, OR ANY OTHER BODY ORIFACE!!!

1. Report all spills to the instructor immediately. Contain the spill with paper towels and then soak the paper towels with disinfectant.
2. Report all injuries immediately to the instructor.
3. Dispose of all contaminated materials as directed. **NEVER PLACE CULTURES OR ANY COMTAMINATED MATERIALS INTO THE TRASH CAN OR DUMP THEM DOWN THE DRAIN!!!**
4. You are required to keep your work area neat and clean.
5. Individuals with long hair must put their hair up so that it does not hang down into their face, or into their work area.
6. Shoes must be worn at all times while in the laboratory. Sandals or open toed shoes are not acceptable.
7. You must be familiar with emergency procedures for handling fires in lab, serious injuries, and evacuation of the building. The instructor will explain these procedures.
8. Strict adherence to these rules and requirements is expected. Any student who repeatedly and wantonly disregards any of these rules will be asked to leave the laboratory until they can demonstrate that they will adhere to the rules and requirements.

By following the simple guidelines above, you should have a safe and enjoyable exploration of the microbial world. Good Luck!!

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