

Agenda – February 23rd, 2022
Group 9 (College of Engineering) Health and Safety Committee

1. Attending

Derrick Van Kirk or Niyousha Rahimi, AA
Colleen Irvin or Robbie Wong, BioE
Rachel Strickman or Ted Hanson, CEE
Michael Pomfret, CEI
Kameron Harmon or Benjamin Rutz, ChemE
Michael Glidden, CoE DO
Alexander Lefort or Selest Nashef, CSE
May Lim, ECE

Sonia Honeydew or Erin McKeown, EH&S
Sarah Coppola or Stacia Green, HCDE
Sheila Prusa or Kelly Foong, ISE
Xiaohai Hu, ME
John Young or M. Weaver, MoIES/NanoES
Tatyana Galenko or Hanson Fong, MSE
N. Shane Patrick or Maria Huffman, WNF

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

- January 2022 – approve? Corrections/additions?
- Minutes posted at <https://www.engr.washington.edu/mycoe/safety#> and safety boards.

3. Department Incident Reports (use “5 Why's” analysis for one report)

- All OARS reports may also be found on Tableau while on the UW network via this link: <https://bitools.uw.edu/#/site/Transitional/projects/573>.
- ME @ Wilcox Hall (#2021-12-002) – Spill of bovine blood.
- Secondary Reviews:
 - Physiology & Biophysics @ MAG (#2022-01-020) – While removing tape from electrode that was near NHP, employee pierced their glove but not skin.

4. Group Business

- Presentation by Kristin Mauke on Makerspace resources available to students, staff, and faculty.
- Vote for an alternative for U-Wide Representative. This role would fill in for the U-Wide Representatives if one or both is unable to make it to the U-Wide meetings.
- We will be reviewing the Group 9 Charter in the March meeting. Please read over the Charter and submit any potential changes to me by next meeting.
- Potential speakers for March meeting: UW Emergency Management, earthquake safety?

5. UW-Wide Meeting

- January meeting minutes not attached; No January meeting.
- February agenda attached. Meeting highlights will be presented by Alex Lefort:
 - COVID-19 Updates:
 - Huge declines in reported cases throughout February, though counts are still higher than at the peak of Delta. Current test positivity rates are 3.7% in the last 7 days.
 - Decrease in the number of people being tested, though this is in-line with this phase of past waves.
 - The University is continuing to follow the current response to COVID-19 and is encouraging everyone to get their boosters and upgrade mask protection to at least medical masks. KN95 and N95 are preferred.
 - Isolation and quarantine guidelines have been changed to require five days isolation if your symptoms have stopped and you test negative at the end of the five days. This isolation time is not dictated by your vaccination status. You should continue to wear well-fitting, high-grade masks while you are around others and should not travel. You are not required to submit a negative test result before returning to work.

- A new web app has been released where one may report positive cases:
<https://webapps.ehs.washington.edu/redcaps/covid19form.php>
- If you have not received the booster, you are now required to quarantine even if you were just in contact with someone who tested positive.
- Submissions of daily symptom attestations for the medical center has now been lifted. All employees of the UW are still required to self-monitor and stay home if you have symptoms, or leave work if symptoms develop during the day.
- If you are exposed, ensure you are following the COVID-19 Exposure Flow-Chart first to see whether you should be reporting to EH&S.
- An OARS report is required to be submitted if an exposure happened at work. Potential exposures out of work do not require this.
- WA-Notify app has a new feature: You can now generate your own code in the event that you test positive, allowing you to send out a notice of exposure to close contacts much quicker.
- The latest news on COVID-19 developments at the UW may always be found at: <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/covid-19-prevention-and-response/covid-19-health-and-safety>
- Reminder that there are new COVID-19 Safety vending machines around campus.
- Seattle Police Department has seen slower response times due to staffing shortages prompting off-campus entities to request whether they may contact UWPD instead. UWPD clarified that this is not allowed due to jurisdiction. If response times are delayed significantly and it is not an immediate emergency, UWPD recommends closing the office early and leaving for the day if you feel unsafe.
- There is an increase of people living with homelessness entering and loitering in buildings around campus. Some have asked for access cards to the buildings.
- Lt. Chris Jaross, of the UWPD, is more than willing to stop by for a talk with any HSC groups that may have questions or have topics of concern.
- Some departments are having trouble with groups walking into public spaces with lab gloves still on. Tracy Harvey mentions that this is best mitigated by facilitating talks and trainings with groups and building a culture of good lab etiquette in a department.
- EH&S Updates:
 - Several recent and ongoing L&I fines and investigations: One with respect to social distancing violations without proper PPE in the medical centers, one with a lack of proper fit-testing of respirators, and an ongoing investigation into a linen cleaning service's potential neglect to keep heavy linen carts in good repair.
 - OSHA 300A summaries should be posted on all departmental safety boards now. The boards should be accessible to all employees of a department.
 - There was a slight increase in incidents compared to last year, though this is likely due to an increase of on-site work.
 - There are several vacancies in EH&S positions. If you would like to know more, please contact EH&S.
- Sonia Honeydew has seen an increase in box-cutter incidents around campus and shared a box-cutter safety sheet to the group to distribute:
<https://facilities.uw.edu/partner-resources/files/media/box-cutter-safety.pdf>

6. Member Updates

Next Meeting: March 23rd, at 1:30 PM, via Zoom

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Health and Safety Committee for Group 9 (College of Engineering)

Meeting Date: January 25th, 2022 (via Zoom)

Attended

Derrick Van Kirk, AA
Colleen Irvin, BioE
Robbie Wong, BioE
Rachel Strickman, CEE
Michael Pomfret, CEI
Kameron Harmon, ChemE
Benjamin Rutz, ChemE
Alexander Lefort, CSE

Sonia Honeydew, EH&S
Sarah Coppola, HCDE
Sheila Prusa, ISE
Bob Hu, ME
Dzung Tran, ME
John Young, MoIES/NanoES
Tatyana Galenko, MSE
N. Shane Patrick, WNF

Absent

Michael Glidden, CoE DO

Jia Jie Choong, ECE

Previous Meeting Minutes

- November 2021 – minutes approved as is.
- Previous meeting minutes are at: <https://www.engr.washington.edu/mycoe/safety#>.
EH&S recommends each department/group post paper copies on their safety board and inform employees of the name of their rep.

Incident Reports

- CEE (#2021-08-030) – The fume hood in the lab was checked and not at the time acting out of the ordinary. The lab guessed that this might have been caused by contamination of the gloves and that the exposure occurred when the user pulled off their goggles while the gloves were on their hands. The lab has since worked through practicing proper glove etiquette. Rachel also suggested that, if the fume hood might be experiencing intermittent issues, the lab should check each time they use the fume hood to see if it is working by holding a paper towel up to the vent to check for flow. This incident has been closed.

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- CEE (#2021-09-001) – The lab has since trained everyone on better double-gloving etiquette. Sonia recommends that the users call EH&S or an occupational health nurse in the event of a potential exposure in addition to submitting an OARS report. This way, the affected person will have the fastest response. Colleen asked if the glove material was properly chosen for the chemicals, as is referenced in the Lab Safety Manual. Rachel stated that she was unsure of whether this was the case and will reach back out to the lab to ensure that this is the case. This incident is closed contingent on Rachel reaching back out to the lab to confirm that they have gone through the process of picking the proper gloves for the chemicals being used.
- ME (#2022-12-002 – Dzung does not have enough information from the labs on this report yet. This incident has been tabled to next meeting.
- HCDE (#2022-12-044) – Sarah stated that she was actually the one affected in this report. She mentions that the campus at-large seems to be riddled with these potholes and is curious as to what is happening to fix them. Sonia will be connecting Sarah to Scott Nelson to talk about what areas are severe issues. He has been a primary force in recording and fixing these trouble areas. Sarah also mentioned that she had some difficulty in submitting the OARS report, as it is difficult to figure out who a faculty member's direct supervisor is. When choosing the HCDE Chair, the Chair did not have a great sense of how to proceed on their end of the report. Sonia stated that the usability of OARS is a known issue and that, if someone is stuck on how to proceed, they should call her for assistance. A new system will likely not be ready for several years. This incident has been closed.
- WNF (# 2022-12-062) – The razor cut did cause a bleed, though the wound was easily staunched with the supplies from one of their first-aid kits and bandaged appropriately. The user was told that the razor blade was not the proper tool for the job and was reminded to slow down and take their time in choosing the specific tools for the job. Alex asked if proper tool choice for package opening was included in the initial training for users. Sean noted that this was, indeed, already present for staff. This incident has been closed.

Group Business

- Health & Safety Committee, Group 9 voted on the new Chair and Vice Chair positions.
 - Alexander Lefort was voted in as the new Group 9 chair.
 - Rachel Strickman was voted in as the new Group 9 vice chair.
- The committee discussed who should hold the new positions for the two U-Wide Representatives:
 - Alexander Lefort will be the first U-Wide representative, as Rachel Strickman is unable to take this extra position.

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- The second representative, as well as a back-up representative will be decided upon via a virtual vote once Sonia has confirmed whether an ex-officio member may be considered as a U-Wide representative. If found to be possible, the two candidates for the vote will be Sarah Coppola and N. Shane Patrick.
- The committee discussed when the newly occurring, regular Group 9 meeting will be:
 - A poll will be sent out by Alex requesting all members' general availability. Several times will be chosen and voted upon by the members virtually on what the new schedule should be.
- The committee voted upon whether the meetings should continue to remain virtual:
 - It was decided unanimously that the meetings continue to be held virtually via Zoom.
- Alex and Sonia discussed the requirements and recommendations for being a Group 9 representative:
 - Sonia opened the meeting with a brief overview of the roles and responsibilities of a Health & Safety Committee Representative due to the training currently being unavailable.
 - Alex stated that it is recommended that all groups have an alternative chosen to attend in place of the department representative in the event that they are absent.
 - Alex stated that the Health & Safety Committee Representative Training will be required once it is online and available again.
 - Additionally, Alex seconded Sonia's recommendation at the beginning of the meeting to take the '5 Why's' Training.
- Scheduling a talk by Dan Ratner on fabrication resources to students/faculty/staff?
 - The committee confirmed that they would like to invite Dan to our next meeting.
 - Sarah requested that we also have someone speak about earthquake response with respect to the recent Oregon earthquake.
 - Sarah also mentioned that she would be willing to talk about occupational health, if the committee would be interested as well. The committee will discuss what specific topics we would like to hear about at a later meeting.
- Updates on questions from last meeting:
 - Sonia stated via email that Health Sciences will no longer be taking sharps waste from upper campus. From now on, a UW waste contractor will need to be utilized for treatment and disposal of sharps. Please contact Laboratory Services in Health Sciences Academic Services and Facilities to set up an account.

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UW-Wide Meeting

- Alex shared updates from the UW-Wide meeting:
 - COVID-19 Updates:
 - Omicron Variant has shown up in Washington: As of the meeting, three cases were reported. Initial data shows that it is less dangerous, though population is small thus far.
 - Heading into winter quarter, University will stay with current COVID-19 measures.
 - The only addition is that the University will likely require booster shots for the COVID-19 vaccines. Mix & match boosters are fine, though there is not currently enough data on whether it heightens efficacy to mix.
 - It is heavily recommended that everyone also receives their flu vaccines.
 - There is some data that Pfizer may be susceptible to Omicron, but boosters (even of Pfizer) largely close this.
 - Nearly 99% of all UW employees fully vaccinated! Vaccination rates are also very high in students, with the lowest population at 96%.
 - Requirements for non-vaccinated employees: Medical masks, required 6 ft distancing while eating/drinking, and weekly or twice a week testing.
 - Workplace Violence Prevention Officer, Robert Lewis, of Harbor View presented on de-escalation tools. Many current trainings done through CPI, but Harbor View has found “Trauma Informed Care” de-escalation methods to be very effective. Slides for presentation will be available.
 - UWEM: Though Oregon had larger earthquakes recently, there is no heavy worry here due to the fault involved and type of quake. However, UWEM encourages everyone to take this opportunity to discuss continuity and emergency plans with your family and loved ones.
 - EH&S:
 - Lab Safety & Innovations Award Event happening on the 15th.
 - COVID-19 training has been updated to address the new changes to vaccination requirements.
 - A new position has been added to EH&S: Lab Safety Inspection Officer.
 - No January Meeting to allow health & safety committees settle in and situate their regular monthly meetings.

Department Updates

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- CEE – Rachel suggested to EH&S that Custodial should be informed about gas safety if they are working in and around labs containing gas cylinders. An incident occurred where a custodial staff member bumped a machine into a gas tank and, though secured, caused it to fall against its chains, which caused some risk to the regulator being potentially removed. Sonia mentioned that this will be a great topic to bring up during the U-Wide meeting; Alex will make note of this. Sonia will also bring this up to Tracy Harvey and other responsible parties to work on resolving these risks. The group also mentioned that supplemental example videos of compressed gas cylinder accidents might be helpful in any training related to the subject.
- HCDE – Sarah mentioned that there are several hazard concerns in the Sieg Building with respect to COVID-19. Sarah had to leave before elaborating, but Alex will connect Sarah and Sonia via email to discuss in more detail.
- ME – Dzung will be leaving the committee and the University for a great job opportunity with Helion in connection with fusion energy research! Thank you for your time and assistance, Dzung, and best of luck in your new endeavors!
- WNF – Shane mentioned that he has several concerns about how a notice of a positive case of COVID-19 is handled. There seems to be a hole in the process as to where to give notice. One of their members had been in the Husky Card Office when they were assumed positive with the virus and Shane was asked to reach out to the Husky Card Office directly to inform them and their staff. Shane stated that most people probably don't know their own building coordinators, let alone those of other buildings/departments. Sonia shared the building coordinator list (<https://facilities.uw.edu/bldgcoord>), but stated that this is strange that it would be WNF's responsibility to reach out to them. Sonia will be connecting with Denise Bender on this issue.

Adjournment

- Adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be February 23rd, 2022 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.



Report Number: 2021-12-002

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: GRADUATE FELLOW STIPEND W/ BENEFITS
Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/01/2021
Department: GRAD: Finance
Time Reported: 11:00 AM

Person Involved or Affected

Department: ENG: Mechanical Engineering

Incident Details

Campus: Seattle
Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/01/2021
Incident Location: WILCOX HALL
Time of Incident:
Room: 39
Other:

Yesterday we removed the contents of a malfunctioning - 80 C freezer. Among the contents were two dialyzers that were left in a crate on the floor overnight to thaw for disposal. We did not notice that their outlets were not capped. Overnight, bovine blood from the dialyzers spilled out onto the floor and nearby objects.

Incident Description: I noticed the spill around 10:15 am on the 1st of December but it likely occurred earlier. Following EHS standard operating procedure I am soaking the contaminated floor with 10% bleach for 30 minutes twice
<https://www.ehs.washington.edu/system/files/resources/spill-response-poster.pdf>

Contaminated objects will be disposed of as biohazardous, washed as lab glassware or soaked in bleach as appropriate for the object..

Supervisor

Full Name: Dayong Gao
Phone: +=1 206 543-1411
Occupation / Position:
Email: dayong@uw.edu
Department: ENG: Mechanical Engineering

Classification

Property damage only

Has Attachment(s):

Type of Incident

Injury Description (none, if no injury/exposure): Exposure to Potential Biohazardous (Infectious) Material

Body Parts Affected (none, if no injury/exposure): None

Cause of Injury/ Damage, or Potential Injury/Damage: Biohazardous Material, Infectious Agents

Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: None
Trip: None
Fall From Same Level: None
Fall From Elevated Height: None
Stairs: None

Contributing Factors

Equipment: Inadequate Guards/Barriers
Environment: None
Policies / Procedures: None
Human Factors: None

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: Change/review work procedures

Ensure that dialyzers are not stored uncapped or cut.

Otherwise procedures were properly followed and hazard was contained.

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes: The Dialyzers were not sealed (capped) well before placing them into the -80C freezer.

Recommendations / Preventive Measures: Make sure that all Dialyzers must be capped well before freezing and put in a safe container during the thawing process.

Other Comments:

Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/01/2021
Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/01/2021

EH&S Comments



Report Number: 2022-01-020

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: RESEARCH ASSISTANT (E S UAW ASE) Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy): 01/05/2022
Department: SOM: Bioengineering Research JM Student Time Reported: 03:04 PM

Person Involved or Affected

Department: SOM: Bioengineering Research JM Student

Incident Details

Campus: Seattle Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy): 01/05/2022
Incident Location: MAG HEALTH SCIENCES Time of Incident: 02:15 PM
Room:
Other:

Incident Description: Near miss. While trying to remove tape from an electrode, I poked it towards my hand and it pierced my glove. The electrode was near the exposed skull of a macaque monkey, but never entered the skull nor brain. My skin was not pierced. When pressure was applied, no blood would come out nor was there an visible cut under the dissection microscope. I washed my hands thoroughly with soap and water.

Supervisor

Full Name: Gregory Horwitz Phone: +1 206 616-0731
Occupation / Position: Email: ghorwitz@uw.edu
Department: SOM: Physiology and Biophysics

Classification

Near miss (Potential hazard -- no injury, exposure, or property damage)

Has Attachment(s):

Type of Incident

Injury Description (none, if no injury/exposure): None
Body Parts Affected (none, if no injury/exposure): Hands, Wrists
Cause of Injury/Damage, or Potential Injury/Damage: Biohazardous Material, Infectious Agents; Non-human Primates; Tools, Instruments

Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: None
Trip: None
Fall From Same Level: None
Fall From Elevated Height: None
Stairs: None

Contributing Factors

Equipment: None
Environment: None
Policies / Procedures: None
Human Factors: Inattention

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: Other
Additional training to be given regarding the safe handling of sharps in the lab.

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes: Insufficiently trained graduate student asked by PI to remove a piece of tape from an electrode.

Recommendations / Preventive Measures: Safe handling procedures for electrodes and other sharps commonly used in the lab to be reviewed with student.

Other Comments:

Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 01/05/2022 Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 01/05/2022

EH&S Comments

fwd: Lesley Decker, Judy Cashman, Zara Llewellyn.

U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

2/9/2022 Meeting Minutes | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. |

Elected Member*		Appointed Member*		Faculty Senate Member*	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Hawkinson (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kurt Oglesby (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	TBD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carmen Parisi, Chair (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Liz Kindred, Vice Chair (5)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nigel Horton (2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kris Harrell (7)	Labor Union Member*	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Norm Kwasinski (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Zuckerman (10)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tony Colinares (3)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Paula Lukaszek, WFSE 1488
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Christine Aker (4)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ann Aumann, SEIU 925
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Ann Valentine (4)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Antonio Vasquez, UAW 4121
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anne Sumpter (5)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah O'Hara (6)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Laura Harrington (6)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	TBD (7)			Proxy*	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexander Lefort (9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = attended meeting * = voting members 13 = voting members for quorum			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Coppola (9)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Warren (10)				
Ex-Officio Member		Ex-Officio Member		Env. Health & Safety Member	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracey Mosier, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rick Gleason, DEOHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katia Harb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Pennington, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Felicia Foster, AGO	<input type="checkbox"/>	Denise Bender
<input type="checkbox"/>	Steve Charvat, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Gwin, AGO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Erin McKeown
<input type="checkbox"/>	Barry Morgan, UWEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Nielsen, Risk Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sonia Honeydew
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lt. Chris Jaross, UWPD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Susan Wagshul-Golden, UWT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorilyn A. H. Ignao
		<input type="checkbox"/>	Allyson Long, UWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Harvey
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jenna Gravley
Guest					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sherri Nielsen, UWB				

Agenda

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2. **Call to Order and Welcome**
3. **Member Orientation**
4. **Elect Leadership**
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
6. **COVID-19 Update**
7. **Organizational Group Reports and Brief Introductions**
8. **Union Reports**
9. **Ex Officio Reports**
10. **EH&S Updates: L&I and General**
11. **Good of the Order**
12. **Adjourn**

Minutes by Lorilyn Apple H. Ignao

The meeting was conducted via Zoom and was recorded.

1. **Attendance/Quorum**

Sonia announced meeting attendance met quorum.

2. **Call to Order and Welcome**

U-Wide Chair Carmen Parisi opened with a land and water acknowledgement and introduced meeting voting rules.

3. **Member Orientation**

Sonia oriented U-Wide HSC members using the EH&S [HSC webpage](#). She shared the U-Wide Overview, the link to the roster of voting and non-voting members, the link to the charter showing purpose and responsibilities of the committee, and links to regulation and policy guidance. The U-Wide brings together the ten organizational HSCs to facilitate communication regarding health and safety topics relevant across the university. The committee composition is designed to assure equitable representation and voting practices. Responsibilities include reviewing accident trends, recommending strategies and policies, and collaborating with EH&S to improve the culture of safety at UW.

4. **Elect Leadership**

Erin gave summary of Chair and Vice Chair responsibilities and eligibility, and asked for nominations for the two positions. Introduced Zoom polling feature. No new nominations. Carmen for Chair and Liz for Vice Chair. Erin requested a vote by declaration, asking members to remain silent if in agreement with approving Carmen and Liz to continue as Chair and Vice Chair. No members communicated any concerns, so Erin motioned to approve Carmen for Chair and Liz for Vice Chair. Sarah O'Hara seconded.

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Carmen asked for a motion to approve December 8, 2021 meeting minutes. Paula Lukaszek motioned to accept. Anthony Colinares seconded.

6. **COVID-19 Update**

Katia extended a thank you and welcome to new members. Delivered recap of December and January COVID-19 trends. Compared university to state counts, mentioned [currently campus is on](#)

[a downward trend](#). State of Washington hospitalizations have been steadily decreasing. Continue to encourage boosters, level up masking. Decrease in isolation time. [New online form to report positive cases to EH&S](#). Requirements for not boosted individuals to quarantine if exposed. Daily attestations no longer required for UW healthcare settings. Highly encouraging to self-monitor symptoms. Reviewed updated [COVID-19 Public Health Requirements and Guidance flowchart](#). Automated notifications and guidance given through databases, contact tracers no longer speaking with every case. Erin reminded OARS report required in workplace transmission cases. Katia reintroduced and encouraged use of [WA Notify](#). Mentioned more testing appointments available as well as KN95 masks in various locations on campus.

7. Organizational Group Reports and Brief Introductions

Carmen introduced committee update expectations.

HSC-1

Ryan Hawkinson, Foster School of Business, co-chair. Many OARS reports included COVID-19 campus transmissions. Groups have reported homeless persons entering campus buildings and discussed how off-campus locations can have quicker response time from SPD. Reported on Co-Motion group incident with a delayed three-hour SPD response time. UWPD Lt. Chris Jaross advised shutting down offices, closing doors, and going home for the day as an immediate response.

HSC-2

Brett Magnuson, proxy. Building Services Department and Transportation Services raised concerns with increased number of car break-ins and called for greater security measures. Norman Kwasinski introduction.

HSC-3

Kurt Oglesby, Husky Union Building. Committee welcomed three new members. Anthony Colinares, Husky Union Building, introduction.

HSC-4

Christine Aker, Program Operations Specialist, HSAS&F. Pending an appointment with the School of Nursing. Carol Harvey, co-Chair. Emphasis on Five Whys training. Reported on individuals in Genome Sciences wearing PPE in public spaces and asked for recommendations. Katia mentioned option to send out targeted messaging to departments/buildings/wings that are areas of concern. Tracy Harvey encouraged conversations within units to remind staff of policies and practices.

HSC-5

Liz Kindred, Harborview Medical Center. Medical Centers at record high activation for the latter half of December through January. Currently in mid-high activation status. Most patients are in acute care, less sick patients. Mentioned staffing and supply issues having a trickle-down effect on operations. National Guard present at HMC.

HSC-6

Sarah O'Hara, fiscal specialist. Laura Harrington, Air Force ROTC Program Coordinator. Nothing new to report.

HSC-7

Martin Arroyo. Welcomed new members in December.

HSC-8

Michelle Miller, Divisional Manager, UWT. Completed elections.

HSC-9

Alex Lefort, College of Engineering. Recommendation from Civil and Environmental Engineering to work with custodial services regarding safety around gas cylinders. Emphasis on Five Whys training. Sarah Coppola, faculty in HCDE.

HSC-10

David Warren. Committee has not yet elected chair or co-chair and still needs to assess interest in the positions. Reported there were no bee stings for all of 2021. David Zuckerman, Arboretum, introduced himself.

8. Union Reports

WFSE 1488: Paula's questions were answered by Katia's COVID-19 update. HFS food service workers and UW Facilities custodians requesting N95 masks. Tracey, UW Facilities confirmed many N95 and some KN95 masks available to UWF custodians. Another UWF order will be placed. Paula requested masks be readily available, and not require employees to pick them up at another location. Erin will reach out to HFS on the matter and get back to Paula.

SEIU 925: Ann Aumann, healthcare safety professional. Nothing to report.

UAW 4121: Antonio Vazquez. Nothing to report.

9. Ex Officio Reports

UW Facilities

Tracey Mosier, Director of Safety. Chris Pennington, Safety Analyst. Nothing to report.

Emergency Management

Not present.

UWPD

Lt. Chris Jaross. Nothing to report. Available to join meetings or present information to departments.

DEOHS

Rick Gleason. Nothing to report.

AGO

Nancy Gwin. Nothing to report.

Claim Services

Ken Nielsen introduction.

UW Tacoma

Not present.

UW Bothell

Not present.

10. EH&S Updates: L&I

Erin McKeown provided an overview of L&I investigations at UWMC Montlake, UWMC Northwest, Eastside Specialty Clinic, and the 908 Jefferson Harborview facility. UW has agreed to a settlement agreement, and will pay \$8400.00 for social distancing penalties at the Eastside Specialty Clinic and UWMC Montlake. UW Medicine agreed to provide respiratory protection to healthcare staff potentially exposed to patients with known or suspected covid-19 and during aerosol-generating procedures of known or suspected COVID-19 patients as defined by Department of Health.

On a separate note, UW has four open investigations still pending with Labor and Industries:

- UWMC Lab Medicine COVID testing sites- fit testing workers
- HMC Covid outbreak in the anesthesia care unit
- UWMC Reproductive Care unit at Roosevelt Clinic- social distancing
- UWMC Environmental Services- linen cart repairs

Erin said she emailed OSHA 300A summaries and reminded everyone to post them on department safety bulletin boards from February 1 through April 30, 2022.

EH&S Updates: General

Katia said the OSHA 300A summaries show an increase in the campus incident rate. She said the OSHA300A reports are available on the EH&S website. She said the purpose of reporting accidents and incidents is safety and accident prevention. She asked everyone to promote near-miss reporting as way to improve our safety culture.

She mentioned that EH&S is preparing the annual Health and Safety Committee reports summarizing the 2021 workplace injuries for each Executive Sponsor, and the committees will also get copies of the report within the coming weeks.

EH&S is filling job vacancies.

11. Good of the Order

Sonia introduces [Box Cutter Safety sheet](#) from UW Facilities. UWF Stores confirm 500 KN-95 masks available, 20k additional KN-95 ordered.

12. Adjourn

Carmen invited motion to adjourn. Alex Lefort motioned, Sarah O'Hara seconded.

Meeting adjourned 2:27pm.

University-Wide (U-Wide) Health and Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

February 9, 2022
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Zoom (screen required)

Agenda Item	Lead	Process	Time
Attendance/Quorum	Sonia Honeydew	Verify quorum per Zoom gallery count	3 min
Call to Order and Welcome	Carmen Parisi	Robert's Rules of Order	2 min
Member Orientation	Sonia Honeydew	Presentation	10 min
Elect Leadership	Erin McKeown & Sonia Honeydew	Robert's Rules of Order	10 min
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	5 min
COVID-19 Update	Katia Harb	Presentation	10 min
Organizational Group Reports* and Brief Introductions	Committee members	Discussion	15 min
Union Reports	Union representatives	Discussion	5 min
Ex Officio Reports	Ex-Officio members	Discussion	10 min
EH&S Updates L&I Update General Updates	Erin McKeown Denise Bender	Discussion	10 min
Good of the Order	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	5 min
Adjourn	Carmen Parisi	Robert's Rules of Order	

*Organizational Group Reports comprise only novel topics covered at their most recent meeting.

Please send ideas for agenda items to Carmen Parisi and Liz Kindred at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.