Research during COVID-19: Being Safe with Social Distancing

COVID-19 has changed many aspects of research at OSU. Including, a reduced capacity of people working in the research labs and social distancing for those that are working in the labs. This can result in situations where individuals are more isolated and may be working alone. While more difficult, it is important to avoid these situations and always inform another person of research activities, especially those that may be more hazardous.

According to the Working Alone Safety Program at OSU, individuals working with the following materials or under the falling conditions should always have someone around to check in on them:

- High energy materials (high temperature, radioactive)
- Cryogenic (low temperature) materials/processes
- Toxic gases, liquids or solids
- Flammable liquids/gases
- High pressure or high voltage systems
- Equipment or machinery
- Shop Machinery
- Restraining or handling animals capable of causing injury
- Any other hazardous activity

Always try to inform a fellow lab member or a member of another research group of your activities if you find yourself more isolated than your work should permit. Have them check in on you and check in with them. You will be able to create a safer environment and better handle any situations or emergencies that may occur.

There are multiple resources you can get into contact if you need help:
- OSU Police Department: 614-292-2121
- Environmental Health and Safety: 614-292-1284
- Radiation Safety Emergency Response: 614-292-7969

Both in lab and out, stay safe everyone!

Help us Conserve Water

McPherson, Celeste, CBEC, and Evans use
38,520 gallons per day!
Contact us to get one!

First Pump is Free then ~$40

Anti-fog coating Uvex safety glasses (UVEX S2880HS) <$15 Wear masks and see!

Safety with PPE

Remember to always wear your PPE!
Check our website at:
chemistry.osu.edu/safety/jst for the PPE policies!

Follow CDC and OSU guidelines for COVID-19 safety tips!

Have any questions or concerns? Contact us at: cbc-jst@lists.osu.edu with any question you have!