



Safety Committee Meeting

October 29, 2009

Present:

Andy Cockburn
Kevin Simpkins

Brad Fansler
Cindy Dalton

Nina Clovis
Rena Bouchal

Stephanie Graham-Sims
Susan Clacko

Jeff Kerns

Brenda Moran

Absent:

Mike Cain
Bob Lemley
Grove Pennington
Lana Bunner
Lt. Allen Hill

Gannett, Peter,
Dianne DeAngelis
Tom Hussion
Frank Ali

Debbie Piktel
Nasser Razmainfar
Trudy Werry
Kim Bryner

• Stephanie Graham-Sims

- The HSC Safety Office has placed approximately 50 automatic hand sanitizer throughout the HSC and developed a database of their locations. They have been placed at all elevators and all entrances, in addition to other locations. There are some that take a few seconds to foam, patience is recommended. Facilities Management is maintaining the batteries and soap.
- With construction taking place in the Vivarium addition, there have been complains of indoor air quality issues. The Safety Office and Facilities Management is working with the contractors to help minimize the air quality issues.
- Facilities Management and Safety Office staff attended Confine Space training. Implementation of the Confine Space Program is underway. Additional staff will be trained in January.
- Mountaineer Station opened October 19th. The walkway from the PRT station to the HSC will be covered by the end of November.
- There has been a decrease in traffic flow in lots 84 and 81 due to the gates being down. A decrease in traffic improved safety for pedestrians and other drivers.
- The Biomedical Facility was having issues with their water. The Safety Office has tested the water. All drinking fountains are safe to drink. The issue was with the hot water. Facilities Management located and corrected the issue. Brenda Moran asked if she could have a copy of the water testing results. Stephanie agreed and has forwarded the results.
- Starting Monday (Nov. 9), students seeking medical treatment for flu-like symptoms at West Virginia University Student Health will be sent down the hall to a new walk-in flu clinic. The clinic will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the John E. Jones Conference Center, which is located on the ground floor

of the Health Sciences Center. Only students will be treated at the clinic. It is not for WVU faculty or staff.

- **Brady Fanslar**

- The School of Dentistry's First Aid Kits have had their contents stolen. This issue was noticed when a student cut himself, went to the First Aid Kit, and it was empty. A Faculty member went to find the other kit and had the same result.

- **Cindy Dalton**

- There was a safety concern about the north-east side of the building (snack bar/bookstore side). The lighting is not adequate, making it difficult to see when walking down the stairs. Jeff and Stephanie will check to see if the lights are on a timer. If so, the timing will be corrected.

- **Rena Bouchal**

- She informed the Safety Committee that the Morgue borrowed Ruby's HEPA filter for H1N1 cases. Stephanie stated that the HSC has two portable HEPA filtration units located in Dentistry and Family Medicine that can be borrowed by building occupants.
- As concerns regarding H1N1 continue to mount, WVUH is making changes to safeguard patients, employees and guests. Effective Monday, Nov. 2, WVUH will implement temporary changes to its visitation protocol:
 - All employees and medical staff will be required to show their badge to enter the facility.
 - Visiting hours will be limited to 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 - Only two visitors at a time can visit patient rooms.
 - Visitors under age 18 will be asked to refrain from visiting patients.

In addition to these changes, all visitors must register and obtain a visitor's pass each day at the Information Desk, located in the East Lobby on the first floor of Ruby Memorial.

- **Jeff Kerns**

- He is performing inspection on standing pipes, fire doors, and fire hydrants

- **Andy Cockburn**

- He alerted the Committee to a lab clean-out issue. John Hando from EH&S came in to clear all hazardous chemicals out of an anatomy lab when a biohazard was discovered. John eliminated the issue and notified Andy of this discovery. The lab was not approved to have the biohazard filtrate.

Next Meeting is November 19th, 2009 at 1:30 in the War Room.