

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

1030 am - 1200 pm

Kyle – Will coordinate the ILC Technician(

[IncidentsWSIB-02%20\(%20Incident%20Report%20ng%20%26%20Invest%20gat%20on\)%20.pdf](#) . Close to releasing a new Newsletter for Environmental Health & Safety in the very near future. New highlights and onboarding are coming. People need to be onboarded properly and know their Awareness of Rights and Duties. Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) need to be known and people need to report asap. In the SOP, there is a hazard reporting process.

-Noushin: Postdoc students are here for one or two years. These students don't know that they have this responsibility. They need to be aware of what they are to do.

-Natalie: There is a lot of info overload for the Grad and Postdoc students, and it is overlooked during their training; the Postdocs need to know. Grad and Postdocs need to limit the amount of work that they do.

-John: Eric's group, ETLT, have modules that the students must make choices/knowledge checks/etc. They get g a

Nicolas: Who is in charge of asbestos that was found in Dupuis Hall? Is Dan aware of this? Yes. Dan has been pulled into this.

Dan: The space in Dupuis Hall has asbestos material with white flakes coming off. The lab was shut down to figure out what was going on. Air samples were taken, and nothing was in the air. It was below the regulatory limit. From the risk point, it was very low for risk-potential. Facilities has an external contractor to pull the material out of the room for the use of the space. Was supposed to happen today – October 18, 2023.

-Dan Langham Updates from Environmental Health & Safety:

1. JHSC - continue to keep an eye on Covid, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and influenza. A Respiratory Illness webpage has been created <https://www.queensu.ca/risk/respiratory-illness-information> - there is now a redirect from the old Covid page.

Individuals are encouraged to monitor for symptoms prior to coming to campus, at ending class, or activities. Individuals who are ill are encouraged to follow the guidance of KFL&A Public Health with respect to managing their symptoms and stay up to date with vaccinations as respiratory illnesses such as Covid-19, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and influenza continue to circulate in the community. The general population will have access to a new Covid-booster/vaccination and Influenza vaccination. The new webpage developed by Risk and Safety Services provides guidance to the campus community about minimizing the risk of illness and how to respond to symptoms should they arise. There will be more news to come.

2. The SeQure mobile safety app for Covid Screening has been decommissioned. The module has been pulled off the SeQure App. Use the active link on the Respiratory Illness page.

There is a new SeQure App campaign to make individuals aware the app exists and to have it available on their cell phones. It will have a ton of safety and security information readily available. It has been distributed to the Safety Officers. If an emergency happens it is important that people know! The test also helps keep the app active. Both Google and Android have functions to remove inactive apps. Push messages will be happening more often now, and individuals are encouraged to go to the settings to be able to receive push notifications – see the link with more information <https://www.queensu.ca/risk/security/sequire-app>

3. A lot of work has been done with emergency phones and this will be advertised and posted.

4. At the end of summer a test of Emergency Notifications Systems was done. The system was activated with a campus-wide public address system with emergency tones and pre-recorded messages. Campus and Security has information, etc. Another test will happen in December near the holiday break. Updates are being done to the system.

5. Verbal Intervention Training has been added to the HR Learning Catalogue <https://www.queensu.ca/risk/verbal-intervention-training-added-hr-learning-catalogue>. Training will provide you with skills and knowledge you need to recognize and manage crisis behaviours you may encounter in the office or classroom.

Comments:

John: John participated in the Verbal Intervention Training and indicated that there was good information. Recommends that a number of points were not self-evident. There are undersubscribed dates in November that people can sign up for (see above link to register). Front-facing people will benefit