

## **SAFETY NOTICE**

## **New & Updated Procedures**

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RMS, with support from the University's Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC), has updated the Biosafety Manual and instituted a new procedure on the safe use of autoclaves. Additionally, RMS has created a new complyND training course on safe use of autoclaves. Further details are provided below.

- UPDATED Biosafety Manual (link)
  - ♦ This is the latest revision of the Biosafety Manual.
  - Please visit the revision history table within document for details on changes that may be applicable to your space(s).



- NEW Autoclave Safe Use and Validation Procedure (link)
  - Provides guidance on best practices and safe use of autoclaves.
  - Note: Requires autoclave owners to validate autoclaves with the use of biological indicators on a monthly basis.
- NEW ComplyND Training Course on Autoclaves
  - ♦ A general autoclave safety training course is now available in ComplyND. This course is required for all autoclave users.
  - Note: In addition to this course, users must also complete lab specific training on how to safely operate the autoclave they will be using that is unique to the lab.
  - ♦ Click <u>here</u> for a current copy of the updated Training Needs Assessment form.

More information and reference materials can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Please consult your RMS liaison with any additional questions or concerns.

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