

In accordance with the *Canadian Biosafety Standard, 3rd edition*¹, Algonquin College's Pìwànak -Algonquin Centre for Science and Innovation (ACSI) has developed a program designed to prevent and detect personnel illness related to exposure to infectious material or toxins. The focus of the program is primarily preventive but provides a response mechanism through which a potential infection or intoxication can be identified and treated before serious injury or disease occurs. Also, this program addresses the risks associated with the chemical and physical hazards that are present in the ACSI Science labs and helps to prevent incidents related to those materials. Students must monitor their health status on an ongoing basis and self-assess for symptoms that may be associated with occupational exposure to chemicals, as well as infectious materials and toxins.

To ensure a safe work environment, all lab users are strongly encouraged to disclose any underlying medical conditions that may increase the risk of harm associated with working in the laboratories. Lab users who **are immunocompromised (e.g. through radiation therapy or chemotherapy, pregnancy, diabetes or other conditions) may be particularly susceptible to infections, or experience more severe illness if they contract an infection following exposure to a pathogen.** The ACSI labs have physical hazards as well as various chemical hazards that may affect certain medical conditions; therefore disclosure of medical conditions is strongly recommended to ensure everyone's well-being.

Please check one of the following*:

- ☐ I am **NOT** affected by any of the above-mentioned medical conditions.
- ☐ I am **NOT** affected by any of the above-mentioned medical conditions; **however, I do have a medical condition** that that I wish to disclose to ensure my safety when working in the ACSI labs. I will consult with the Biosafety Officer(s) and/or my Department Chair, prior to entering the ACSI Science laboratories.

Please list relevant information here: _____

- ☐ I am **immunocompromised** or affected by one or more of the above-mentioned conditions and I will consult with the Biosafety Officer(s) and/or my Department Chair, prior to entering the ACSI Science laboratories.

Please list relevant information here: _____

Employee or Student #	Name (please print)	Signature	Date

*Throughout the academic year, it is incumbent upon all lab users to disclose any changes in health status that could increase risk of exposure.

Ongoing Medical Surveillance:

Lab users must monitor their health status on an ongoing basis and self-assess for symptoms that may be associated with occupational exposure to any chemicals, infectious materials/organisms and/or toxins that are stored and/or handled in the ACSI Science labs.

Infections that result from an exposure to pathogens or infectious material being handled in a containment zone are referred to as LAIs (Laboratory Acquired Infections). LAI also refers to a disease caused by exposure to a toxin being handled in a containment zone.

Self-monitoring is documented annually by completing a medical surveillance form to affirm that self-monitoring is being carried out by each individual as documentation of due diligence.

	I understand that, on an ongoing basis, I am expected to self-monitor my health for symptoms associated with exposure to the chemicals, infectious materials/organisms and/or toxins that are stored and handled in the ACSI labs.
(Initial)	
	I understand that I must inform the BSO(s), LHR, and my Department Manager in the event of the onset of any symptoms associated with exposure to any of the chemicals, infectious materials/organisms and/or toxins that are stored and handled in the ACSI labs.
(Initial)	
	In the event of an exposure to chemicals, infectious materials/organisms and/or toxins, I will refer to ACSI's Emergency Response Plan.
(Initial)	