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Agenda

1. Call to Order
   Sonia Honeydew called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. Attendance/Quorum
   Sonia conducted attendance and quorum was met.

3. Approval of January meeting minutes
   January meeting minutes were approved.

4. COVID-19 Update
   Katia Harb provided the following COVID-19 updates.

   Katia announced that the first B.1.1.7 variant case was detected at UW through the Husky Testing Program. The person infected has recovered and EH&S has contact traced and reported the case to the local public health agencies. EH&S has also published an article about the new coronavirus [new coronavirus](#).
variant strain. Katia said that the new variant is more transmissible and is expected to be the predominant strain in the United States by March.

Katia displayed the UW COVID-19 Dashboard and said that the cases have been declining since the start of winter quarter. Currently, UW has about 16 people in their isolation period. Surges in cases are predicted in late winter and possibly spring due to variants.

Katia provide an update on Governor Inslee's Healthy Washington - Roadmap to Recovery. She said that the Governor's website is updated every Friday. Currently, Puget Sound region is in Phase 2 (The UW Bothell, Tacoma and Seattle are all part of the Puget Sound region on the Governor's map).

Katia indicated UW Medicine is following Washington's Covid-19 vaccine distribution plan. Currently, Washington is working at completion of Phase A-1, A-2 and B-1. Phase A-1 includes health care workers in high risk jobs, high-risk first responders, long-term care facility residents, and all other workers at risk in health care settings. Phase B1 includes vaccinating individuals who are 65 years or more of age, and 50 years or more of age who live in a multigenerational household. Approximately 900,000 people have started getting vaccines and over 200,000 people have completed both doses of vaccinations in WA. UW Medicine is planning to expand their Montlake vaccination site to the E-1 parking lot.

The ACCD subcommittee will be meeting this month to recommend vaccine policy for fall quarter. Katia reiterated that being vaccinated does not change current public health or workplace requirements for COVID-19 prevention such as social distancing, masking, isolation or quarantine. EH&S will adjust UW requirements, as the public health guidance changes.

EH&S has published an article about counterfeit N95 models on the website. Katia said that the user must check the lot numbers and notify EH&S Respirator Program Administrator (uwresp@uw.edu) if they come across a counterfeit model. EH&S will provide them with additional guidance.

Katia encouraged everyone to regularly check the EH&S COVID-19 resources page for new information.

5. Double Masking and New SARS-CoV-2 Variants

Brandon Kemperman from EH&S updated the members on double masking and the SARS-COV-2 variants. He reminded the committee that the principle mode of infection is exposure to respiratory droplets through close contact. However, airborne transmission is possible in an enclosed space or in a space with inadequate ventilation.

Brandon said that as per CDC, cloth face coverings may provide upwards of 80% blockage of personal droplets depending on the cloth materials. As per CDC guidance, cloth face coverings
should have multiple layers of tightly woven, washable and breathable fabric, snug fit to face, covers mouth and nose, allows breathing without restriction and should be secured with ties or loops. Brandon said that as per a study conducted by the Chest Clinic in July 2020, double masking and surgical mask helped minimize droplet dispersion and aerosolization. He also said that there might be an ASTM standard for barrier face coverings by February 2021. *(F3502-21 has since been published and EH&S can provide a copy upon request.)*

Michael Sage asked if N95 masks with valves which contain filters are effective. Brandon said that EH&S is recommending to avoid masks with valves altogether. But if absolutely necessary, they should wear a surgical mask on top of a mask with a valve.

Brandon gave a brief explanation about the new SARS-COV-2 variants – UK B.1.1.7 variant, South African B.1.351 variant, Brazil P.1 variant and an emerging Nigerian strain. He encouraged members to check the [CDC webpage](https://www.cdc.gov) for updated information. He also said that more research is needed about the new variants but there is no evidence to suggest a major change in the prevention strategy (wash hands, wear mask and watch distance).

6. **Organizational Group Reports**

**HSC 1** – Ryan Hawkinson said HSC-1 met this morning and reviewed OARS reports and the U-Wide meeting.

**HSC 2** – Mark Pekarek said HSC-2 met on January 14 and discussed the U-Wide meeting. They also discussed an action item for OARS report involving lockout-tagout at the Art building.

Mark said that the Building Services continue to clean and flush the fixtures in the buildings.

Mark mentioned that the surge of COVID-19 cases due to the use of van pools has subsided.

Project Delivery group reported an incident at one of their projects at Eagleson Hall where a homeless man had entered the construction site and tried to attack the contractors. Mark said that the members were encouraged to call the UWPD phone line directly instead of calling 9-1-1. *(Follow-up note: if you call 911 from a non-UW line like your cell phone, you get the Seattle dispatcher; first tell them you are on UW Seattle campus, and they will redirect you to UWPD.)*

**HSC 3** – Tony Colinares said HSC-3 met on January 20. They approved December meeting minutes and reviewed OARS reports. They also discussed the U-Wide meeting.

**HSC 4** – Beth Hammermeister said that HSC-4 reviewed OARS reports. They had an incident with a possible COVID-19 person-to-person transmission at a research lab in SLU. The incident is still being investigated. The lab members were reminded to be more careful and have food/drinks in the designated places only. Christine Aker said that they will have a speaker present on the effects of COVID-19 on facilities workers in their April group meeting.
HSC 5 – Liz Kindred said HSC-5 met in January. They welcomed few new members from UW neighborhood clinics. They discussed the downward trend of COVID-19 cases in their patients as well as staff. Over 70,000 first and second dose of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered amongst their staff and people in the community. They have seen a few incident reports involving staff having adverse reactions to the second dose. Liz said that there have been fewer incident reports regarding unsafe conditions involving COVID-19 and PPE. At Harborview they have a new occupational therapist in their employee health department.

HSC 6 – Eric Camp said HSC-6 met in January and reviewed OARS reports and discussed U-Wide meeting.

HSC 7 – Martin Arroyo said that HSC-7 met on February 9. They discussed the OARS reports and Allyson Long reported on mitigations implemented to prevent recurrent incidents. They also discussed the COVID-19 dashboard and talked about establishing a process to ensure monthly safety topics are being regularly scheduled.

HSC 8 – Chris Barrett said that HSC-8 met in January. They discussed the U-Wide meeting and reviewed OARS reports.

HSC 9 – Sonia Honeydew said that HSC-9 met on January 26. They reviewed the OARS reports and discussed the new EH&S focus sheet on working safely with sharps. They also did a brief administrative update to their Charter. In reviewing the January U-Wide meeting, HSC-9 noted the new APS 12.7 on oversight of chemical and physical safety requirements in research and academic environments and wondered if this will slow any processes or approvals for labs. Sonia also said that UW has renamed Sieg Hall to Sieg Building.

HSC 10 – David Zuckerman said HSC-10 met on January 25 and approved their December meeting minutes. They discussed their one OARS report. Scott Nelson from EHS presented on AEDs at the meeting.

7. Faculty Senate Reports: Ian Bennett was not present.

8. Union Reports:

Paula Lukaszek, Ann Aumann and Amanda Clouser were not present.

Christine Kang said that they have been receiving emails from Teaching Assistants (TAs) over concerns about social distancing and their safety while teaching in-person classes. TAs are wondering if the UW will allow the graduate TAs to be vaccinated once the WA state allows teaching staff to be able to get vaccinated. Denise Bender from EH&S said that they should have a department COVID-19 prevention plan that addresses the requirements for TA's when returning
to work on campus. Christine said that in the future if they receive any additional concerns, they will ask for the department COVID-19 prevention plans and reach out to EH&S for guidance.

9. Ex-Officio Reports:

**UW Facilities:** Tracey Mosier had no updates.

**Emergency Management:** Steve Charvat said that they continue to produce the Situation Report (SitRep) that gives an overall COVID-19 updates about what is happening at the UW and at other local and national higher education institutions, and Emergency Management is coordinating with UW Medicine and the City of Seattle on a proposal to manage a vaccination clinic located at the E1 parking lot. Steve also talked about the upcoming winter storm alert and the possible challenges if the campus suspends operations.

**UWPD:** Lt. Chris Jaross was not present.

**DEOHS:** Rick Gleason had no updates, but thanked EH&S and Brandon Kemperman for the double-masking presentation.

**Attorney General’s Office:** Nancy Gwin had no updates.

**Claims Services:** Ken Nielsen had no updates.

10. L&I Updates:

Denise Bender said that there was a concern at Harborview Medical Center on January 25 regarding blocked egress and electrical wiring in the NE entrance of the emergency department. EH&S corrected these issues and provided information to L&I which they accepted and the investigation results were accepted by LNI on February 2.

There is an outstanding LNI phone/fax investigation at HMC’s 908 Jefferson Building. There were concerns about front entrance screening practices and COVID-19 transmission. EH&S provided the requested information and is waiting to hear back on the outcome of the investigation.

There have been two other investigations at UWMC Montlake and UWMC Northwest regarding N95 respirators and their access to healthcare workers who provide treatment to both, suspected and positive COVID-19 patients. The inspection findings are based on a joint alert for healthcare workers published in September 2020 from L&I and WDOH. EH&S is currently appealing the citation which was issued at the closing conference.

An L&I investigation took place in August at Eastside specialty clinic. EH&S was issued a citation and a monetary fine related to concerns about face coverings while eating and drinking and social
distancing, at the closing conference in November. The UW is appealing the violation and monetary penalty.

**EH&S Updates:**

Denise Bender announced that Sonia Honeydew will be joining EH&S as the new Accident Prevention Specialist.

EH&S will be releasing the updated version of Fall Protection Manual and the associated checklists to reflect the new Washington state standard which merged fall protection standards across multiple industries.

Denise also said that EH&S has published an article about the upcoming inclement weather.

**11. Good of the Order:** Sonia Honeydew thanked the committee and is looking forward to working with safety committees intimately as the new Accident Prevention Specialist. Liz Kindred also thanked Sonia and wished her the best. Liz announced that she will be the interim U-Wide Committee Chair until the new U-Wide Chair is voted.

**12. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 pm