

EHS Newsletter

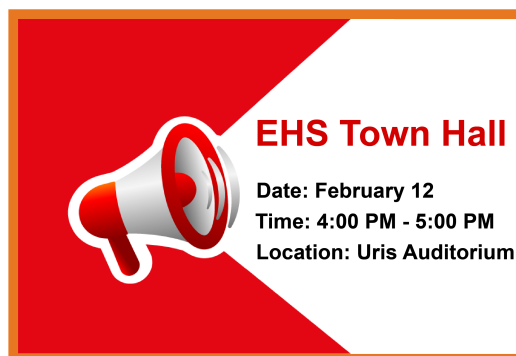


January 2026

The EHS Team wishes you a Happy and Safe New Year! Let's start the year together by taking a moment to review WCM safety protocols. We're excited to see you at our Town Hall on February 12 at 4:00 PM in Uris Auditorium.

EHS Town Hall: Save the Date

Join Matthew Brinton and panelists Diane Colabello, Matthew Domser, and Scott Finkernagel on **February 12, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM**, to learn about upcoming lab safety updates. All Laboratory Safety Coordinators should plan to attend this meeting. A Zoom link will follow for those who cannot attend in person.



Federal Marijuana Rescheduling

EHS is closely monitoring the proposed rescheduling of marijuana from a Schedule I to a Schedule III controlled substance. If enacted, this rescheduling would substantially ease restrictions imposed by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) on marijuana usage in research.

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Updates in Biosafety

The CDC issued updated biosafety guidance for the handling of SARS-CoV-2 in a research setting. The changes were implemented following comprehensive evaluations of the virus's properties and its implications for laboratory and research operations.

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Common FDNY Inspection Findings

EHS has been working with a new FDNY inspector since the summer of 2025 to complete our annual laboratory permit inspections. Some common findings have emerged during the EHS Pre-FDNY Inspections.

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EHS is Here to Help

EHS provides training and resources to help students, researchers, and animal care staff work safely with animals. Risks are addressed, including physical injuries (bites and scratches), health hazards (allergies or zoonotic diseases), and chemical exposures.

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