



MLS Laboratory Update: CDC OneLab Network Webinar on Biosafety and BMBL 6th Edition Updates

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Purpose of this Message:

To inform laboratorians and other healthcare providers about the upcoming CDC OneLab Network webinar “BMBL 6th Edition Updates: Clinical Laboratory Biosafety Recommendations” being held on 8/27/25 at 11am CDT.

Action Items:

- Register for this webinar: [BMBL 6th Edition Updates: Clinical Laboratory Biosafety Recommendations \(https://reach.cdc.gov/event/bmb1-6th-edition-updates-clinical-laboratory-biosafety-recommendations\)](https://reach.cdc.gov/event/bmb1-6th-edition-updates-clinical-laboratory-biosafety-recommendations)
- Distribute this information widely in your networks – laboratorians, infection control staff, and biosafety professionals are all encouraged to attend.

Background:

From the CDC announcement:

Reported exposures to bacterial and viral pathogens continue to occur in all areas of the clinical laboratory. Unlike research laboratories, clinical laboratories receive and perform diagnostic testing on various specimens from patients who may have an undiagnosed infectious disease.

Since clinical laboratories may not be aware of the pathogens present in patient specimens that they receive and perform testing on, risk assessments and mitigations should be done to address all pathogens that could be encountered. CDC recently updated the Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL) 6th Edition, Appendix N: Clinical Laboratories, to address the need to perform risk assessments for each instrument before and during patient testing to ensure safe and effective operation of clinical laboratories.

By the end of the session, attendees should be able to describe how laboratory professionals can safely perform diagnostic testing on clinical specimens by following standard precautions, including bloodborne pathogens, to provide timely diagnosis and treatment for patient care.

Join Dr. Nancy Cornish for a one-hour virtual session that is suitable for intermediate level learners and is approved for 1.0 hour of P.A.C.E.® credit. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® Program.

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