

- Seal the tube and spray outside with 10% bleach. Wipe with paper towel.
- Place the tubes into a cooler containing absorbent material and ice pack for transportation.
- Dispose of the remaining liquid into the sewer by pouring.
- Rinse the bottle with 10% bleach and then with water - disposing liquid into the sewer.
- Insert into autosampler and lower sampler into the manhole.
- Remove gloves, face shield before entering vehicle to move to next location or to lab.
- After all samples are collected, the technician will deliver samples to the lab for processing.
- At end of day, remove tyvek suit, spray down vehicle seats and steering wheel etc with disinfectant.
- Technicians will complete BBP, BSL1/2 training and training in hazards of sanitary sewers/manholes.

**The committee conditionally approved of the above amendment request, on the condition that the members of the Biosafety Office are present during the first sample collection.**

#### **V. Unfinished business**

None

#### **VI. New Business**

##### **1. SARS-CoV-PPE recommendations**

1. BSL3 in vitro and in vivo – There was a discussion regarding when surgical gowns are required for SARS-CoV-2 work in the BSL3. Gowns are required for in vivo work, but not in vitro work. Bowen’s group using back closing gowns for everything.
2. BSL2 clinical samples – due to the N95 shortage, individuals working with clinical samples at BSL2 and in a BSC have not been using N95s. However many are asking for them because of high volume/concentration they are working with. Now that N95s are being decontaminated, these individuals can use N95s.

##### **2. Use of barrier/ filter tips for work in the BSL3**

There was a discussion whether the use of barrier tips should be a requirement in the BSL3. It is a good idea for protection of the samples, the equipment, and the personnel. Most groups are using them, but one is not citing cost as the reason. The IBC voted and approved making the use of barrier tips a requirement in the BSL3.

##### **3. Letter to VPR with concerns regarding SARS-CoV-2 research and resources**

A draft letter was presented to the IBC for review. The letter identifies concerns raised regarding the large number of research projects involving SARS-CoV-2 which has put strains on resources such as PPE, lab space, and personnel. The IBC discussed that and its intent and supported sending it the VPR. The committee members will send their edits/comments to the IBC Coordinator by Monday, and the updated letter will be sent to the VPR.

#### **VII. Reports**

##### **1. Coordinator’s report.**