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The Dartmouth College laboratory safety newsletter

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GOODBYE TO 2020



To say this year was eventful is an understatement. Just like our peer institutions, we've all had to make a lot of adjustments to a different way of doing things. Here are some final lab safety thoughts to close out 2020:



Thank you for your patience and hard work in complying with the guidelines for reopening laboratory-based research from the Vice Provost for Research. These are critical for allowing research to continue while taking appropriate COVID-19 precautions.



There was concern about the safety risks of sparsely populated facilities and restricted bench time (as a necessary trade-off with the risks of the pandemic). However, there were only a few small safety incidents reported to EHS this year, about average considering the reduced levels of activity. Thank you for being careful!



Remember that loading docks are closed during the break. Please do not order chemicals or other hazardous materials during this time as no one will be available to accept these shipments and the carrier will not leave them.



Most EHS staff will remain available in the area over break. In the event of a spill or other lab accident, call Safety & Security at 646-3333 (5555 at DHMC). They have a direct contact list for EHS responders and will call us if needed.



It's been a challenging year. Be sure to take time for yourself over break to relax and enjoy the holidays – everyone deserves that.

We look forward to continue supporting safe research at Dartmouth in 2021!

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