2024 Biosafety/Biosecurity Month Lab Challenge (submit to regina1@vt.edu)

Name one current Virginia Tech Biosafety Officer Response:	Frozen stocks inventoried and cleaned out **annually** Last done:	Signage is posted in lab prohibiting eating and drinking Date reviewed:	Lab-specific biosafety manual **annually** reviewed and updated Last done:	Training documents for all personnel current and kept in lab (printed or digital) Date reviewed:
Biosafety signage posted by each lab entrance reviewed for accuracy and updated as needed Date reviewed:	Biological materials are transported in labeled secondary containers Date confirmed:	**Annual** laboratory self-inspection checklist completed Last done:	SOPs are up to date and easily accessible to lab personnel Date confirmed:	Name one type of primary containment device used in your lab for biological hazards Response:
Biosafety cabinets have **annual** certification up to date Date last certified:	What term refers to the protection of biological agents and data from theft, loss, or misuse? Response:	**Laboratory has a process to record completion of activities (e.g., photos, log, binder, etc.)**	Lab entry/exit doors are kept closed when work with biohazards is in progress Date confirmed:	Spill kit contents **annually** checked and resupplied if needed Last done:
Cloth lab coats are sent out to be laundered (through a vendor or department) **at least every three months** Last done:	Name one current Virginia Tech IBC Program staff person Response:	Soap and paper towels are available at all sinks Date confirmed:	Pathogen Safety Data Sheets printed and accessible to personnel Date confirmed:	Lab emergency contacts on lab entry doors are accurate Date reviewed:
Incident reporting procedure accessible to all personnel Date confirmed:	Eyewash stations flushed **weekly** Last done:	Provide two examples of proper biological lab attire Response:	Diluted (working stock) disinfectant containers labeled with date made. Last done:	Personnel have all IBC & EHS training requirements complete and not expired. Date confirmed:

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INSTRUCTIONS

Laboratories are encouraged to participate in the Virginia Tech biosafety/biosecurity lab challenge each year. The challenge is run from September through October. The laboratory group that completes the most activities and correctly answers the questions on the card will win the traveling Virginia Tech Biosafety & Biosecurity Trophy. In the event of a tie, the tied entries will be entered into a raffle drawing to select the winner.

Submit your BINGO card by 5pm on 11/8/2024 to be eligible to win the trophy.

To participate in the challenge:
1. Between **9/1/24 and 10/31/24**, fill in the dates for the completed activities/questions listed on the card.
    a. The objective is to complete as many activities/questions as possible listed on the card.
    b. You do <u>not</u> need to complete all boxes listed on the card to submit your entry.
2. **Submit your Challenge card, with the completed dates/information entered, to regina1@vt.edu by 5pm on 11/8/2024**
    a. Only one Challenge card per laboratory group will be accepted. If multiple entries are submitted, the first submission will be used as the official entry.
3. The lab group that completes the most card activities/questions will win the trophy. In the event that there is a tie, the winner will be chosen through a random drawing between those lab groups that were tied.
    a. Prior to announcing the winner of the trophy, a member of the IBCP and/or EHS Biosafety Group may come to the lab to verify that the dated activities were performed.
        i. Verification would be through review of the lab's standard process for recording such activities (e.g., photos, log sheets/books, verification stickers/tags, etc.).
4. The winner of the trophy will be notified by 11/15/2024.

Check the IBC Biosafety & Biosecurity Month webpage for more information, including a link to download the Challenge card, photos, and announcements related to the recipients of the trophy.