



Salmonella Update

You may be aware that there is a current product recall issued by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for peanut butter, and products containing peanut butter. The reason is that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have traced sources of Salmonella contamination to a plant owned by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). PCA manufactures peanut butter and peanut paste—a concentrated product consisting of ground, roasted peanuts—that are both distributed to food manufacturers to be used as an ingredient in many commercially produced products including cakes, cookies, crackers, candies, cereal and ice cream. In addition, PCA peanut butter is distributed to and institutionally served in such settings as long-term care facilities and cafeterias.

The FDA announced on Jan. 22, 2009, that it has established a database that will allow the public to search for a particular product to determine if has been included in any recall due to potential contamination. The link for this web site is:

www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.HTML

This webpage will also detail how to gain information about all levels of the product recall and public remedy for this group of products.

Salmonellosis is a disease caused by ingestion of food contaminated with various forms of the Salmonella bacteria. The infection involves the gastrointestinal tract, with most people experiencing abdominal cramps, nausea, and diarrhea. The course of the infection is 4 to 7 days and most people recover fully. The CDC's web site provides information regarding Salmonella and salmonellosis:

www.cdc.gov/nczved/dfbmd/disease_listing/salmonellosis_gi.html

Consult either of these sites for the most accurate and updated information regarding this outbreak.

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Memorial Occupational Medical Services (MOMS) Facility has Moved!

In case you haven't heard our occupational medical services provider, MOMS, moved last December. As many of you know, their former location was on the 5th floor of the Harriman Jones Building located on 2600 Redondo Avenue. They have now moved back to Long Beach Memorial Hospital which is located at 2801 Atlantic Avenue. An e-mail announcement detailing the move was sent to all ASM's in November 2008.

MOMS will continue to provide the same scope of services and hours of operation as they did at the Harriman Jones Building. All applicable forms are on the SRM website at:

http://daf.csulb.edu/forms/univ_svcs/safetyrisk/index.html

If you have any other questions, please contact the campus Workers' Compensation Coordinator, Cheryl Velasco, at ext. 52366 or e-mail her at cvelasco@csulb.edu.

What To Do When the Alarm Sounds (Or When It Doesn't)...

We've all got a memory of grade school, when the fire alarm would sound, and our teachers would have us line up, walk out of our classrooms, and on to the playground where the Fire Marshal was standing with the Principal, waiting to see how we performed.

Nothing has changed since that time! When a building alarm sounds, your first thought shouldn't be "I wonder who pulled the alarm?" but "it's time to evacuate swiftly and carefully".

Our campus has volunteer Building Marshals to assist occupants in safely evacuating a given building. Does your building have a Building Marshal? If not, here's an opportunity to volunteer and help your colleagues in an emergency. Contact University Police at ext. 54101 to find out when the next Building Marshal training will be offered.

Your supervisor, Department chair, or classroom instructor should go over your building's details for evacuation at least once per semester, preferably prior to each of the evacuation drills the university conducts (one per semester). A rally or muster point should be predetermined where you can all meet after the evacuation to take a roll call. The general primary staging areas for evacuations are the:

- Upper campus "quad" area
- Lower campus athletic fields.

When told to evacuate, pick up your belongings (specifically your purse, briefcase, backpack, etc.) and leave the building from the closest useable exit...DO NOT USE AN ELEVATOR! Move away from the building at least 50 feet and be sure to meet at your presdesignated muster point or the general staging areas whichever is closer.

In certain cases, you may be notified of an emergency by the campus Emergency Notification System (ENS). This system does not engage the building alarm, but notifies all campus constituencies using the contact information found on the MyCSULB website. This contact information (cell phone, pager, campus telephone, e-mail, home telephone) will provide immediate information regarding the nature of the emergency...please make sure it is current! A notice to "shelter-in-place" may be received by this system. In that case, follow the instructions provided in the notice, by your supervisor, or classroom faculty. An all clear notice, or notice to evacuate, will be broadcast using the same notification system.

For more information, go to the university web site, and access the following link:

<http://emergency.csulb.edu/guides/evacuation/>

We cannot prevent emergencies from occurring, but we can be ready to use safe evacuation behavior, or shelter-in-place, when advised to do so.

How Do You Recycle Electronic Waste (e-waste) From Your Home?

Disposing electronic waste like computers, televisions, laptops, etc. can be expensive and damaging to the environment. So...how do get rid of it safely and legally? The City of Long Beach and a host of other civic sponsors have established drop off locations where your personal e-waste can be recycled.

To find out the locations, dates and time where you can drop of your e-waste free of charge, visit <http://www.ewastelb.com>

Additionally, the state has a database of approved e-waste recyclers in every county in California. The database can be found at the following link:

www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/UWED/counties.map.cfm

If you have any additional questions, please contact George Alfaro at ext. 52378 or e-mail him at galfaro.csulb.edu.

Foreign Travel Insurance Program (FTIP) Update

The university provides Foreign Travel Insurance for all students, faculty, and staff participating in short-term study abroad programs. This insurance is required for this type of travel and it is administered by SRM. Specifically, it covers short-term, study-abroad programs along with coverage for participants traveling for seminars, conferences, and approved research projects.

The policy includes the following scope of coverage:

- Medical coverage for accidents and sickness
- Accidental death and dismemberment
- Excess automobile liability and physical damage
- Dental expenses caused by an accident or injury
- Emergency medical evacuation and repatriation of remains
- General liability insurance

Additionally, the program provides for emergency medical, travel, personal and security services with 24 hours of bound coverage. It will also assist with replacing lost documents and provides for legal assistance with local attorneys.

In order to bind coverage, the faculty or staff person needs to complete the Foreign Travel Participant List found on SRM's website. The completed form must be sent to SRM (to Barbara Sasser) electronically, by fax or inter-office campus mail. The form provides necessary emergency contact information for participants and information on the travel destination. A confirmation email will be sent to the faculty member or staff person once coverage is bound. An information sheet on the program is included for distribution to all travel participants.

Lastly, all students traveling abroad must complete a General Release of Claims, an Air Travel Notification and a Medical Disclosure and the Assumption of Risk form. The completed forms must be kept on file with the College/Department for at least one-year after return from the travel. Please see the SRM also for procedures and forms. A summary of the FTIP can also be found on the SRM website. For policy limits or other questions regarding university travel abroad, please contact our Risk Manager, Barbara Sasser, at ext. 52396 or e-mail her at bsasser@csulb.edu.

A Big Welcome to Safety and Risk Management's Newest Staff Member!

On January 5th, SRM welcomed our new Hazardous Materials Specialist, Michael Kitahara, to the campus. Michael was our top-ranked candidate and we are very happy he decided to join our team.

Michael earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master's degree in Environmental planning from UCLA. He also has over 20 years experience in the field of environmental health and safety and holds multiple national/state certifications in the disciplines of hazardous waste/emergency response, asbestos and lead.

Michael's extension is 51761 and his e-mail address is mkitaha@csulb.edu. Please welcome Michael as he embarks on his new position here at the Beach!

CSULB's Return to Work Program (RTW) is Now Available!

CSULB's Return to Work (RTW) Program has been updated! The goal of the Return to Work Program is the safe, rapid return of all injured or ill employees to transitional or regular employment whether the injury is job-related or not. The program is designed to return an employee to work by providing appropriate temporary, alternative or modified job duties that best suit the employee's work restrictions as defined by the primary treating physician. The program is not intended to create new permanent positions within University colleges or departments.

For additional information or a hard copy of the RTW Program, go to the following link:

http://daf.csulb.edu/offices/univ_svcs/safetyrisk/programs/disability/index.html

Additionally, SRM is also offering a RTW training class for anyone interested in learning about the comprehensive benefits of this program. Please check SRM's training calendar on our web site or watch for Staff HR's monthly training flyer for the next scheduled class. If you have any questions and/or feedback, please contact Barbara Sasser at ext. 52396 or e-mail her at bsasser@csulb.edu.

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