**Biohazardous Agent Reference Document (BARD) and**

**Information for Healthcare Providers in the Event of an Exposure**

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| The BARD is an additional guidance tool. It is not a substitute for a risk assessment, biosafety training, lab-specific training, SOP as required by the IBC or a formal [IBC master protocol registration](https://www.uvm.edu/rpo/biosafety-oversight). This document must be readily available in the laboratory, and it is the responsibility of the Laboratory Supervisor or Principal Investigator to ensure that all personnel have read and understood the information. The BARD is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Please bring this IBC-approved BARD with you to the UVMMC Emergency Department if there has been an exposure and someone requires medical assistance.  INSTRUCTIONS for BARD Preparation   1. Complete the blue Information for Healthcare Providers section. 2. Review the standard information contained in the green section of this document. 3. Add/revise information that is specific to your work in the laboratory (such as strain-specific information). Please be sure that the track changes function is turned on to indicate any changes that you make. 4. Submit the BARD along with your IBC master protocol registration or amendment. 5. Once approved by the IBC, all personnel must review this BARD. The PI will attest during the submission of the registration or amendment to add new personnel that each lab member has read and understands the material. | |
| **Information for Healthcare Providers**  Dear Healthcare Provider,  This individual works in a UVM research laboratory and has been exposed to a pathogen or toxin. Information about the materials this person may have been exposed to is listed below. You may also find useful additional information in subsequent pages of this reference document. | |
| **Pathogen Name:** | Human Coronavirus *(excluding SARS and MERS viruses)* |
| **Pathogen/Toxin Classification:** |  |
| **List All Strains Used in the Laboratory:** |  |
| **List Resistant Genes Known to be Encoded:** |  |
| **Modes of Transmission *(mucous membranes, needle stick, inhalation)*:** | Inhalation of aerosols, contact with mucous membranes |
| **Known Medical Precautions and Treatment** | |

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| **Prophylaxis** | None available |
| **Vaccines** | None available |
| **Treatment and/or Post-exposure Intervention** | Not usually diagnosed due to the normally mild, self-limiting nature of the infection. Supportive care only. |
| **Surveillance** | Monitor for symptoms. Testing methods include serology, electron microscopy, and PCR-based assays |
| **Additional Medical Precautions (immunosuppression, pregnancy, allergies)** | May cause more severe lower respiratory tract infection, including pneumonia in infants, elderly, and immunocompromised individuals. |

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| **Health Hazards** | |
| **Host Range** | Humans |
| **Signs and Symptoms** | Upper or lower respiratory illnesses, such as Cough, fever, runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat, headache, malaise, gastroenteritis, or diarrhea. |
| **Infectious Dose** | Unknown |
| **Incubation Period** | 2-4 days |
| **Exposure Procedures** | |
| **Mucous membranes** | Flush eyes, mouth or nose for 15 minutes at eyewash station. |
| **Other exposures** | Wash area with soap and water for 15 minutes |
| **Medical Follow-Up** | Contact UVMMC Infectious Disease Dept. directly at **(802) 847-2700** for immediate assistance. Bring this document with you if seeking medical care. |
| **Reporting** | Report all exposures or near misses to:   1. Your immediate Supervisor 2. SOS at 802-656-2560 and ask to have the EH&S team paged 3. Risk Management: <https://www.uvm.edu/riskmanagement/incident-claim-reporting-procedures> |
| **Laboratory Hazards** | |
| **Laboratory Acquired Infections** | None reported |
| **Sources** | Respiratory droplets or specimens, stools, laboratory cultures |
| **Characteristics** | |
| **Morphology** | Enveloped positive-stranded RNA virus with a crown-like appearance due to the presence of spike glycoproteins on the envelope. Worldwide distribution, causing 10 – 15% of common cold cases. |
| **Strain Specific Characteristics** |  |
| **Containment Requirements** | |
| **BSL - 2** | Manipulation of known or potentially infected clinical samples and cultures of laboratory adapted strains (RG2) |
| **BSL - 3** |  |
| **ABSL - 2** | All animal work |
| **ABSL - 3** |  |
| **Aerosol generating activities** | Centrifugation, homogenizing, vortexing or stirring, cell sorting, pipetting, pouring liquids, sonicating, loading syringes |
| **Primary containment device (BSC)** | Use for all activities that have the potential to generate aerosols, all manipulation of potentially infected specimens or cultures |
| **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** | |
| ***Minimum PPE Requirements*** | Nitrile gloves, lab coat or gown, appropriate eye/face protection. Wash hands after removing gloves. |
| ***Additional Precautions***  ***(Risk assessment dependent)*** |  |
| **Viability** | |
| **Disinfection** | 10% bleach, 70% alcohols, 2% glutaraldehyde, and 10% iodophors. Minimum contact time of 10 minutes. |
| **Inactivation** | Most coronaviruses are sensitive to UV radiation, and heat above 60°C. Minimum contact time of 30 minutes. |
| **Survival Outside Host** | Capable of surviving for up to six days in aqueous mediums, and up to 3 hours on dry inanimate surfaces. |
| **Spill Clean-Up Procedures** | |
| **Small Spill** | Notify others working in the lab. Allow aerosols to settle. Don appropriate PPE. Cover area of the spill with paper towels and apply approved disinfectant, working from the perimeter towards the center. Allow 30 minutes of contact time before clean up and disposal. Dispose in double biowaste bags and biobox. |
| **Large Spill** | **Inside of a lab:** Call UVM Service Operations at 656-2560 and ask to speak to a dispatcher. Ask them to page Risk Management and Safety.  **Outside of a lab:** Pull the nearest fire alarm and evacuate the building. Wait out front of the building for emergency responders to arrive. |
| **References** | |
| **Canadian PSDS** | <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/laboratory-biosafety-biosecurity/pathogen-safety-data-sheets-risk-assessment/human-coronavirus.html> |
| **BMBL** | <https://www.cdc.gov/labs/pdf/CDC-BiosafetyMicrobiologicalBiomedicalLaboratories-2020-P.pdf> |
| **CDC** | <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/general-information.html> |