

Microbiology LAB Rules

Lab Rules

Any microbe used in this laboratory is considered a **potential pathogen**. It is necessary to work with a set of rules that will preclude the possibility that a student or instructor becomes infected by microorganisms used in this class.

1. **Before each lab and at the completion** of each lab you must **wipe your lab bench thoroughly with disinfectant**.
2. Do not keep personal items on the lab bench.
3. There will be
NO Smoking
NO Eating or Drinking
NO pencils, fingers, etc. in the mouth or
other body parts.
4. Shoes must be worn at all times.
5. An outer protective garment must be worn (lab coat). We will be using caustic and staining materials in the lab: expensive clothing can be ruined in the Microbiology Lab. An apron, lab coat, or any other loose long sleeved garment will be sufficient.
6. **Report any accident immediately**. Do not clean them yourself, contact the instructor immediately!
7. **Do not wash glassware**. All the glassware used in the Microbiology Lab **must be sterilized** before it can be washed. Discard racks and baskets will be provided.
8. **All markings must be removed from the glassware**. Prior to discard, all tape or wax pencil marks must be removed.
9. **Plastics are discarded in Biohazard buckets** for sterilization prior to disposal.
10. Reusable glass pipettes are discarded in **pipette jars** filled with disinfectant, be careful in placing pipettes into these jars as the pipettes may break, discard tips down.
11. Be sure to mark all your glass and plastic ware; unmarked items in the incubators will be discarded.
12. **Be prepared for each laboratory session**. The unprepared student will have difficulty finishing the material and writing the report in the time allotted.