


2025 Biosafety/Biosecurity Month Lab Challenge (submit to regina1@vt.edu)

<p>Provide the contact information for EHS Biological Safety Group (email or phone)</p> <p>Response:</p>	<p>Is 70% ethanol effective against AAV?</p> <p>Response:</p>	<p>Signage is posted in lab prohibiting eating and drinking</p> <p>Date reviewed:</p>	<p>Training documents for all personnel current and kept in lab (printed or digital)</p> <p>Date reviewed:</p>	<p>What designation refers to the biocontainment requirements of specific lab space?</p> <p>Response:</p>
<p>Biosafety signage posted by each lab entrance reviewed for accuracy and updated as needed</p> <p>Date reviewed:</p>	<p>Biological materials are transported in labeled secondary containers</p> <p>Date confirmed:</p>	<p>Annual laboratory self-inspection checklist completed</p> <p>Last done:</p>	<p>Where are your lab coats sent to be laundered?</p> <p>Response:</p>	<p>Name one biological hazard in your lab</p> <p>Response:</p>
<p>Biosafety cabinets have annual certification up to date</p> <p>Date last certified:</p>	<p>What term refers to the protection of biological agents and data from theft, loss, or misuse?</p> <p>Response:</p>	<p>Participate in the 2025 lab activity challenge</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>Lab entry/exit doors are kept closed when work with biohazards is in progress</p> <p>Date confirmed:</p>	<p>Spill kit contents annually checked and resupplied if needed</p> <p>Last done:</p>
<p>How often should a working stock of diluted bleach be made?</p> <p>Response:</p>	<p>Provide the contact information for the IBC Program (email or phone)</p> <p>Response:</p>	<p>Soap and paper towels are available at all sinks</p> <p>Date confirmed:</p>	<p>Pathogen Safety Data Sheets printed and accessible to personnel</p> <p>Date confirmed:</p>	<p>Lab emergency contacts on lab entry doors are accurate</p> <p>Date reviewed:</p>
<p>Incident reporting procedure accessible to all personnel</p> <p>Date confirmed:</p>	<p>What designation refers to the risks associated with specific agents?</p> <p>Last done:</p>	<p>Provide two examples of proper biological lab attire</p> <p>Response:</p>	<p>Diluted (working stock) disinfectant containers labeled with date made.</p> <p>Last done:</p>	<p>Personnel have all IBC & EHS training requirements complete and not expired.</p> <p>Date confirmed:</p>

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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 11/7/2025 to be eligible to win the trophy.



To participate in the challenge:

- Between **9/1/25 and 10/31/25**, fill in the dates for the completed activities/questions listed on the card.
 - The objective is to complete as many activities/questions as possible listed on the card.
 - You do not need to complete all boxes listed on the card to submit your entry.
- Submit your Challenge card, with the completed dates/information entered, to regina1@vt.edu by 5pm on 11/7/2025**
 - 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.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.).
- The winner of the trophy will be notified by 11/14/2025.

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.