



VMTH Safety News and Announcements

Summer 2021

HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION TRAINING

The temperatures are rising and it's time to talk about Heat Illness Prevention! The [Heat Illness Prevention Training](#) is required **ANNUALLY** for all VMTH supervisors and employees working at outdoor locations.

Login to lms.ucdavis.edu to check if you and your staff are up to date with the Heat Illness Prevention Training. If you are a supervisor/manager with direct reports, assign the Heat Illness Training to your staff and don't forget to complete the training yourself!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- The **VMTH Heat Illness Prevention Procedures Manual** is available with the rest of VMTH Safety Documents [here](#): the manual must be available on-site in either a hard-copy format or accessible electronically.
- **SafetyNet 123: Heat Illness Prevention** is available [here](#).

HEALTH EFFECTS OF HEAT

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WILDFIRE SEASON

Are you prepared for the potential impact Wildfire Season Weather can have on your operations? Find out [here](#)!

[CalOSHA](#) requires supervisors to have a communication plan in place to notify outdoor workers when are reasonably expected to be exposed to an **Air Quality Index of 150 or higher for PM 2.5**.

Supervisors are expected to provide **appropriate and effective respirators** when alternative work to remove the outdoor workers from exposure can't be guaranteed.



QUICK TIPS FOR OUTDOOR OPERATIONS

- Identify workers that will be required to work outdoor through a smoke event
- Secure enough N-95 masks for a multi-day smoke event
- Develop a plan for distributing masks during a smoke event

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Check the [University of California AQI-Based Decision-Making Matrix for Wildfire Smoke Events](#)
- UC Davis uses WarnMe messages to provide timely information during emergencies and other urgent situations. Sign-up to receive these alerts at <http://warnme.ucdavis.edu/>

SAFETY MONTH

June is 2021 UC Davis Safety Month: Safety Services will offer a series of virtual events to help keep you safe and healthy on and off campus. Check the event schedule below!

[Weekly Focus Schedule](#)



- Week 1: **Rest, Resilience & Well-being**
- Week 2: **Ergonomics WFH**
- Week 3: **Wildfire Season & Covid Preparedness**
- Week 4: **UC Chemical, SOPs & Lab Ramp-Up**

VMTH INJURY STATISTICS



APRIL/MAY 2021

- Animal bite/scratch – 6
- Contusion/Laceration – 3
- Muscle/back strain from handling animal – 7
- Needle Stick – 4
- Slip, trip, fall – 1
- Chemical Exposure – 3
- Burn - 1



FEEDBACK IS GOOD!

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 VMTH Safety Resources: [VMTH Safety Site](#)