



Cambridge
Public Health
Department

AGENDA
Cambridge Biosafety Committee
Thursday, Nov 21st, 2019 – 3:00 pm
119 Windsor Street

Introductions

Statement of purpose for this **Special Session** of the Cambridge Biosafety Committee

Presentations

1) Committee Oversight of Biosafety Programs at Harvard and MIT (90 mins)

- **Review** current enforcement challenges within academic biosafety programs
- **Discuss** strategies to utilize Cambridge Biosafety Committee authority for compliance
- **Plan** site visits to both institutions to observe best practices and challenges

2) Introductory discussion with Kevin Esvelt and his Rarity research team (30 mins)

- **Introduce** Rarity research proposal: purpose, stages, challenges
- **Review** local engagement strategy underway in Martha's Vineyard/Nantucket
- **Consider** strategies to engage Cambridge residents to gain public acceptance

Old Business/Site visits

Oct 18 – CRISPR Therapeutics (200 Sidney Street, 3rd Fl) **BSL-1/BSL-2** amendment walkthrough

Oct 22 – Sai Life Sciences (400 Technology Square, 2nd Fl) **BSL-1/BSL-2** new permit walkthrough

Nov 4 – Directed Genomics (99A Erie Street) **BSL-2 ONLY** new permit walkthrough

New Business

Nov 15 – LabCentral (700 Main Street) discussion about administrative screening of resident protocols, IBC reviews, IBC reporting expectations to CBC.

Adjourn

