



Boston Biosafety Committee

Thank you for applying to join the Boston Biosafety Committee (BBC).

The BBC's role is to provide technical assistance and advice on issues related to regulation and permitting of biological research laboratories in the City of Boston.

BPHC's Mission and Vision

The mission of the Boston Public Health Commission is to protect, preserve, and promote the health and well-being of all Boston residents, particularly the most vulnerable.

We achieve our mission by providing and supporting accessible high-quality community-based health and social services, community engagement and advocacy, development of health promoting policies and regulations, disease and injury prevention, emergency services, health promotion, and health education services.

The Boston Public Health Commission envisions a thriving Boston where all residents live healthy, fulfilling lives free of racism, poverty, violence, and other systems of oppression. All residents will have equitable opportunities and resources, leading to optimal health and well-being.

Membership

The Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission appoints the BBC, which must be composed of at least seven members. At least two members of the BBC should be residents of the neighborhoods in Boston where research laboratories are located. The BPHC will arrange for all BBC members, including community members, who haven't worked in a Biosafety Level 3 or 4 research laboratory to visit such a lab to meet the researchers to learn about the lab's operations.

Membership also includes the BPHC Executive Director or designee, a scientist knowledgeable in the field of recombinant DNA technology, and at least three more members with expertise in public health, occupational health, infectious diseases, biosafety, or environmental health/quality.

Meetings

The BBC meets quarterly, or at other times when requested by the BPHC, to review research projects, laboratory permit applications, and related issues. BBC meetings are now held virtually during the weekday (5:30 to 7:30 pm). Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the BBC meetings were often held at the BPHC offices at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118.

If you have any questions, comments, or need more information about BBC membership, please contact Simon Muchohi at (617) 534-5965 or biosafety@bphc.org.

After receiving your application, BPHC staff will call you within 2-4 weeks to review your application and answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to receiving your application!

BOSTON BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

DATE: _____

Part 1: Contact Information

To help us process your membership application, please provide all the information requested and type or print clearly.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Residential Neighborhood: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (Home): _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Employer (if applicable): _____

Part 2: Boston Biosafety Committee Membership

1. Do you have experience/expertise in any of the following (check all that apply):

- Laboratory Safety/Operations
- Biosafety/biosecurity
- Public Health
- Occupational Health
- Environmental Health/Quality
- Infectious Diseases
- Community Involvement/Representation

Please describe:

2. Please briefly describe why you are interested in serving on the Boston Biosafety Committee (BBC).

- a) *If applying as a community member, please briefly describe your experience in community service that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee. Please attach a copy of your resume/CV or other document outlining your experience working with civic, professional or volunteer organizations and other city boards or commissions. Please list any awards or special recognition.*

- b) *If applying for a position as a scientific member, please give a brief description of your experience with laboratory research and biological safety. Please attach a copy of your resume/CV or biographical sketch.*

3. **Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?**

4. **How did you learn about the Boston Biosafety Committee?**

Social media Newspaper Website Word of mouth Other: _____

5. **Are you available to make a commitment of time to the Boston Biosafety Committee's work for the next two years? YES NO**

***Note:** The time commitment will average 5 hours per month. There will be meetings during some of the months with materials to review in advance. During other months, there will be no meetings.*

OPTIONAL

Part 3: Applicant Demographics

Please check the box for each category with which you most closely identify. Feel free to include any more information that you use to describe yourself in the 'Other' lines. Your response will be kept CONFIDENTIAL and available only to BPHC staff supporting the BBC.

I am: Male Female Transgender Non-binary

My Preferred pronouns are: _____

My age range is: 18-29 30-44 45-59 60+ years

Race/Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latinx	Federal Race Categories	Other Racial or Ethnic Groups
<i>Please check one</i>	<i>Choose all that apply</i>	<i>Choose one or more from list:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latinx <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latinx <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown/Unreported	<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown/Unreported <input type="checkbox"/> Two or more (specify: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> African <input type="checkbox"/> Cape Verdean <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Haitian <input type="checkbox"/> Brazilian <input type="checkbox"/> Portuguese <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

What languages do you speak? _____

What languages do you read and write? _____

Do you have any special needs (accessibility, dietary, etc.)? _____

Please submit your completed application by email or mail to:

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Biological Safety Program
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