



Work Health and Safety News

May 2020

And you thought we had a big newsletter for you in April? Welcome to the May newsletter - 18 articles bursting with news and important information to keep you safe and healthy. Maybe get a cup of something hot before you get started!

In some very exciting news, we now have a FREE replacement for the Global Challenge - the Local Challenge! It kicks off on 1 June, so get your team organised! We have free personal phone consultations with a nutritionist plus several Benestar webinars coming up in May, and don't forget to take your free online health check with Get Healthy at Work.

In Safety news, we have another exciting announcement - our SafeSys WHS Replacement Project has been approved! The new system is named Project Salus - read on for more information.

We'd like to remind everyone about the dangers of many cleaning chemicals - particularly hand sanitiser which is everywhere right now and which can be a fire risk. Other reminders are about hazard and incident reporting and supervision requirements for staff who are on campus working alone.

We also need to look out for fake face masks now on the market.

Biosafety training, poisons and therapeutic substances training and other WHS training can now be done online - we've got several articles here to tell you how to access these courses.

There's just too much here to mention it all so have a good look through and don't forget to get your flu shot!

WHS Replacement Project Update

Salus was the Roman goddess for Safety and Wellbeing, and is the name chosen for UNSW's [SafeSys WHS Replacement Project](#).

Now we have Management Board approval, we can proceed with the chosen vendor, Arventa, to replace SafeSys. We have the funds, the right team and, we believe, the best technology to ensure an even safer research, workplace and campus learning environment for all at UNSW.

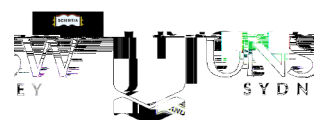
The technology, known as WHS Monitor, is cloud-based Work Health and Safety compliance management software. You can check out a demo [here](#).

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Once you register with Get on Track, you'll be able to create a team in the Local Challenge and become a Team Captain, or join an existing team. So have a chat with your colleagues and start building your teams!

The Local Challenge commences on Monday 1 June and finishes on Monday 24 August.

For more information, check out the Wellbeing website's [Local](#)



about these webinars and register to attend. The webinars will be live (not pre-recorded) and are dedicated events for UNSW staff members.

Supervision Requirements During Covid -19

With reduced numbers of staff on campus due to Covid-19 restrictions, it's important for supervisors to remember that their responsibility to provide sufficient training, instruction and supervision to ensure the safety of workers remains unchanged. Superv

Incident Reporting and Corrective Actions

With a lot of us working from home at the moment, a reminder that all hazards and incidents (occurring either at the workplace or in the course of completing work at home) must be reported as soon as practicable after the event to your Manager/Supervisor and recorded online via [MyUNSW](#).

Managers and Supervisors will receive email notifications to review an

available to ensure patient safety at all times.

For more information visit the [UNSW Health Service Vaccinations](#) website.

Working from Home ChemAlert Access

ChemAlert can only be accessed from home via the UNSW VPN service (VPN resource page) using the Library resource access setting.

Once logged into the library VPN service, ChemAlert can be accessed as per usual.

Library VPN address: vpn.unsw.edu.au/library

[Download VPN client link](#)

[ChemAlert Website link](#)

Covid -19 Impacts on Mobility - Survey

Covid-19 has created incredible amounts of stress, sadness and uncertainty across the globe, impacting every facet of day to day life. Humanity has not experienced such a global event in the last century, and it is important as a community to learn and evolve during this distressing period.

In light of this context, Dr Diego Maria Barbieri (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway) and Marco Passavanti (University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy) are leading a research effort, supported by a number of global researchers, with the aim of investigating the mobility impacts of the emergency situation.

In particular, the research will focus on changes in travel behaviour throughout quarantine and social distancing periods and understanding the differences in experiences between countries around the world (Norway, Italy, China, USA, Australia and others). Insights from the research can potentially be used to improve the way we manage and develop our transport services in the future.

The research methodology involves completing a questionnaire (5 to 10 minutes in duration). If you would like to be involved please click [here](#).

UNSW Poisons and Therapeutic Substances Course now available online

[This course](#) covers poisons and therapeutic substances (S4D, S8, S9) purchase, use, storage and disposal and all UNSW personnel involved with these substances must complete this course.

Previously the course was embedded within the 2-

compliance requirements, including Schedule 4D substances (ie. Sodium Pentobarbital), it is highly recommended that you complete the online course and encourage personnel within your research group to do so as well.

To register, please login to [myUNSW](#) and select the course code 'RECSSD'.

For further information, including registration details, please visit the [RECS website](#).

Biosafety Training

The face-to-face PC2 awareness course has been replaced with UNSW General Biological Safety, which is now online as a Moodle course, with the course code HSEBSC. This session is for all people who are working in biological containment facilities (PC1, PC2

