The answer to this question can of course be found in the DOES Laboratory Safety Manual available online at the DOES website (does.cwru.edu): "*Wearing a laboratory coat is required whenever you are in any laboratory on campus*." But do you ever wonder why this is

her body.

Unfortunately, Ms. Sangji's case is not an isolated one. A 37-year-old male laboratory technician in a geology laboratory was dissolving sedimentary rocks with 70% hydrofluoric acid (HF). He was wearing two pairs of wrist length rubber gloves and polyvinyl sleeve covers only. He knocked over a small quantity (100-230 ml) of

(continued on page 2)

HF into his lap. He sustained acid burns on 9% of his body surface. When he was admitted to the hospital he was hypothermic and hypocalacaemic (low level of calcium in blood serum). His right leg was amputated 7 days after the incident. He subsequently died from multi-organ failure 15 days after hydrofluoric acid spill.

In another case, a laboratory researcher was pouring chloroform though a gel column. Pressure built up in the column causing the glass to shatter spray-

flu virus in mind; no one saw this virus coming ahead of time.

If you were vaccinated against flu last fall or winter, that vaccination will go a long way toward protecting you against certain human flu virus strains. But the new H1N1 2009 virus is a whole other problem.

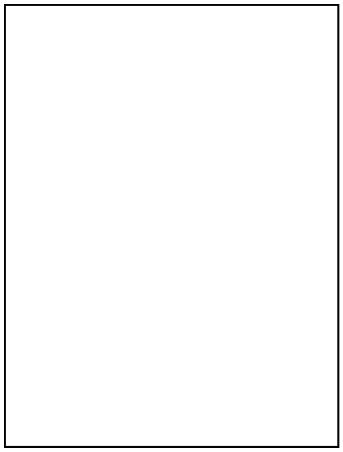
To minimize the risk of infection, we strongly recommended that you and others around you adhere to the following simple guidelines:

1) Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water not alcohol-based cleaners. Alcohol-based cleaners are for temporary use only.

Alcohol-based cleaners are for temporary use only until you are able to wash with soap and water.

2. Cover your mouth and nose with your arm as opposed to your hand when you cough or

late fall and could present with different infective virulence and antibiotic sensitivity properties at that time. Therefore, it will be important for everyone to take advantage



Upcoming Training Sessions*

IMPORTANT NOTE: While all laboratories must attend training at DOES, labs must hold specific training in the CHP and ECP as it pertains to the actual work they do. Labs will also need an outline of the CHP and ECP training and a sign in sheet to accompany. Store the sign-in sheet and outline with the CHP and ECP. It will be asked for during lab inspections.

New Hazard Communication (Right-to-Know) Training
Retraining is required annually.
DOES Small Meeting Room - Service Building 1st Floor
PREREGISTRATION IS *REQUIRED*! - Please call 368-2907

New Radiation Safety Training
Retraining is required annually.
DOES conference room - Service Building 1st Floor
PREREGISTRATION IS *REQUIRED* ! - Please call 368-2906

New Laser Safety Training
Retraining is required annually.
DOES conference room - Service Building 1st Floor
PREREGISTRATION IS *REQUIRED* ! - Please call 368-2906

FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

Laboratory Safety Retraining
Regulated Chemical Retraining
Hazard Communication (Right-to-Know) Retraining
Bloodborne Pathogen Retraining
Radiation Safety Retraining
Laser Safety Retraining
Respirator Safety Retraining

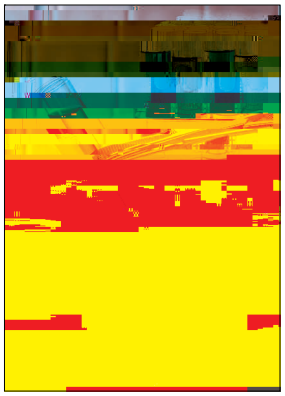
Please retrain on the Internet at <http://does.case.edu> and click on Training.
Print test and fax or mail it to the DOES office.
If your training is more that one year overdue, then you must attend the training class in person and cannot retrain online.

FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

New Laboratory Safety Training
New Regulated Chemical Training (Formaldehyde, Benzene, Methylene Chloride, Vinyl Chloride, etc.)
New Bloodborne Pathogen Training
New Respirator Safety Training
New BSL-3 Safety Training

Retraining is required annually.
DOES Conference Room - Service Building 1st Floor
PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! - Please call 368-2907

*THIS IS A TRUNCATED LIST OF OUR OFFERINGS. As always, consult our website (http://does.case.edu) for a full schedule of training sessions.



Please remember that our updated DOES website provides many resources to meet your safety needs. The DOES website (http://does.case.edu/) includes all of the following resources:

- **Safety Services Manuals and Forms**
- **Archived DOES Newsletters**
- **Training Class Schedules**
- **Staff Information**
- **MSDS**
- **Important Safety Links**
- **Our Mission Statement**
- **Contact Information**

If you have any questions about our website, please feel free to contact us at ext. 2906/2907

DOES STAFF

W. David Sedwick, Ph.D., (wds), Director and RSO Radiation Safety.
Marc Rubin (mdr6), Associate Director of Chemical and Biological Safety
Felice Thornton-Porter (fst2), Assistant Director and Asst. RSO, Q.A. Specialist
Shirley Mele (smm5), Manager/Ergonomic Coordinator
Gwendolyn Cox-Johnson (gxc13), Dept. Assistant II
Jason May (jason.may), Dept. Assistant I
Ronald Tulley (rxt33), Technical Writer

Chemical Safety

Robert Latsch (rnl2), Specialist II
Bill DePetro (wjd11), Specialist II
Tom Merk (tlm8), Specialist II
Jon Birkes (jon.birkes), Specialist II
Edwin Filppi (edwin.filppi), Specialist II
Mary Ellen Scott, Ph.D. (mas35), Specialist II
Anna Dubnisheva (anna.dubnisheva), Specialist I

Radiation Safety

Yelena Neyman (yxt13), Specialist I
Charles Greathouse (cxg118), Analyst Programmer I
Joe Nikstenas (jen), Operations Supervisor, Specialist II
Victoria Cook (victoria.cook), Specialist I
Sylvia Kertesy (sylvia.kertesy), Specialist I

Remember, all back issues of the DOES Newsletter can be found online at http://does.case.edu Simply click on the "Newsletter" link in the left-hand column!