Laboratory and General Safety Rules

- Never work in the lab by yourself without the instructor's approval and knowledge beforehand.
- Avoid having boisterous, lighthearted, or unprofessional conversations in the lab. This involves treating your teacher and fellow students with respect.
- Before entering the lab, students should properly wash their hands.
- Dress appropriately whenever you enter the laboratory. If the instructor does not specifically instruct you otherwise, wear closed-toe shoes that cover the top of the foot.
- When handling caustic chemicals, bacterial broth cultures, dissecting or handling cadavers, or as directed by your instructor, wear safety eyewear and examination gloves.
- Put on gloves before handling any microbes. Put on lab coats or aprons per your instructor's instructions.
- Avoid putting your hands near your mouth, eyes, or face when handling chemicals, preserved animals, microbes, or bodily fluids. This includes not chewing your fingernails, adjusting contact lenses, or applying makeup.
- Go straight to the closest sink and rinse your eyes with water if any chemicals or other substances get into them.
- Regardless of how minor they may seem, report to the instructor ANY and ALL spills, mishaps, breaks, or injuries.
- You may only use scissors and other sharp instruments with the instructor's permission and after receiving lessons on how to handle them properly. For any sharp objects, use tiny trays. Point the tips of sharp objects down and away from people while handling them.
- Students are not allowed to leave the lab while wearing examination gloves, and they are not allowed to touch any door handles, personal belongings like mobile phones, or lab equipment like microscopes.
- Never utilize lab equipment without the instructor's guidance and approval. Inform your instructor right once if any of the equipment is broken or damaged.
- Everything unnecessary should be removed from lab benches when doing research. This includes superfluous books, purses, phones, and other personal belongings.
- The instructor must be informed if a student is immune compromised or pregnant during the course. Students who are pregnant are not permitted to perform dissections or work with any bodily fluids without a doctor's note of authorization. When handling any

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