

10-17-2002 Update: Polio Reporting Requests

Over the next few weeks, some of you may receive communication from the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) regarding a request to declare possession of wild poliovirus or samples containing polio. The purpose of this reporting is to prepare for the global eradication of wild poliovirus within the next few years. Do not discard the request; **simply forward correspondence** from USDA, DHHS/CDC, or APHIS regarding national inventories or institutional declarations of possession of microbial agents **to me** at the address below. Provide a contact name and phone number, in case there are questions. Our office will respond to the appropriate agencies on behalf of the University regarding these agents.

UAB labs, both clinical and research, or any UAB group who may possess this agent or samples containing this agent should have already submitted a UAB Declaration Form to UAB Occupational Health & Safety (deadline was August 26, 2002). That declaration included select agents, USDA agents, and polio and was distributed through Deans, Department Chairs, and Administrators. If you did not complete that declaration and currently have polio virus or samples containing polio virus, you may contact me directly at eeb@uab.edu for a UAB Declaration Form.

Please share this email with UAB employees who may be affected but are not part of this distribution list. As with this update, future updates will be distributed using the OH&S Safety Shorts Distribution List.

Thank you,

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