

This message is being sent on behalf of the Faculty of Medicine Joint Health and Safety Committee Co-Chairs.

Please ensure this message is distributed to all Faculty of Medicine MSB faculty, staff and students in your unit.

MEMORANDUM

To: All Faculty of Medicine MSB Occupants
From: Artur Jakubowski and Heather Taylor
Co-Chairs Faculty of Medicine MSB Joint Health and Safety Committee
Date: March 29, 2017
Re: Update on MSB

Since we first became aware of concerns related to asbestos in the Medical Sciences Building (MSB), your Joint Health and Safety Committee has been working diligently to see that all necessary steps have been undertaken to ensure a safe working environment. We are currently meeting bi-weekly to receive updates and have been engaged in a number of activities. We would like to provide you with an update on what that has entailed and bring your attention to resources that are available to you.

1. Ministry of Labour Site Visits

Inspectors from the Ministry of Labour (MOL) have conducted site visits on three occasions: March 13, 22 and 27. These meetings were attended by both co-chairs of your Joint Health and Safety Committee. To date, the MOL has not issued any directives to the university. Therefore, except for those specific rooms which the University has decided to close, out of an abundance of caution for further assessment, all operations and activities in MSB are expected to continue. Reports have been provided to us, and are available on the Safety Board in MSB on the 2nd floor by the main elevators.

2. Labour Town Hall Meetings

Labour groups with members working in MSB have been organizing town halls on this topic. If you are interested in learning more, please contact your union representative.

3. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

A [detailed FAQ](#) on asbestos is available that provides important information. This document will be updated on an ongoing basis. You are encouraged to take a moment to review this document.

4. Asbestos Awareness

The University's Office of Environmental Health and Safety offers online asbestos awareness training. EHS509 is intended for those who work near, but not with asbestos. This is typically for trades and similar workers who may be in the vicinity of asbestos containing substances such as a plumber working above a ceiling. Although this is the target audience, any employee, student or faculty who would like to review this content, may take the course if they wish. The course covers topics like the nature of asbestos, uses of asbestos, health effects of asbestos exposure, when asbestos is a hazard, asbestos and the law, and asbestos at the University of Toronto. The course can be accessed through "[My EHS Training.](#)"

5. Air and Dust Sample Reports

As was communicated in a [March 14, 2017](#) email to the students, faculty and staff in MSB, the results for tests are available along with a lay summary of the findings. Those interested in accessing these results should provide their UTORID via email to ehs.office@utoronto.ca, using **Access request re: MSB reports portal** in the subject line. Upon submission of your UTORID you will be granted access, on average, within one business day. For instructions on how to locate the documents on your portal profile please see the attached. Portal access to the reports will be made available at least until 30 June 2017.

If you have concerns about dust in your area, please report this to your unit's business officer, who will inform the Faculty of Medicine's Facilities Management and Space Planning Office. A visual inspection will be conducted and then referred for further testing, if necessary.

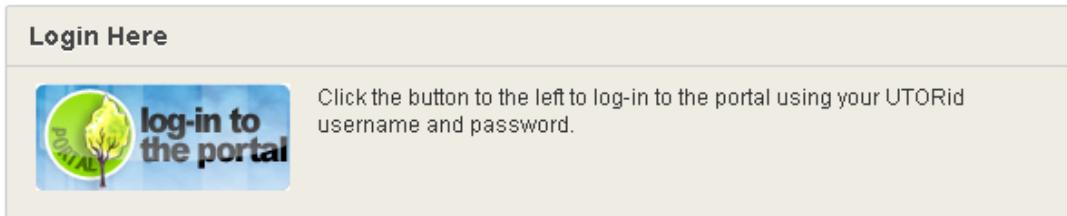
6. Ongoing Air Tests

The University will continue to conduct ambient air sampling and involve the Joint Health and Safety Committee in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act. Air testing is available upon request.

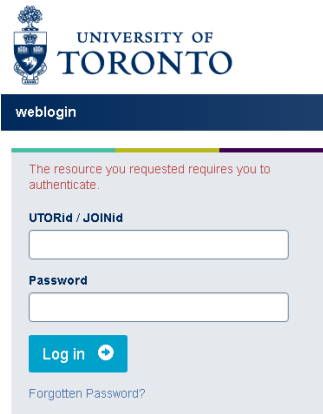
We appreciate this is an ongoing concern and we will continue to monitor issues as they arise and report to you as necessary. Updates will also be posted on the [EHS website](#).

How to Access MSB Reports on the Blackboard Portal

- 1) Go to the UofT Blackboard Portal: www.portal.utoronto.ca.
- 2) Click on the blue button called “log-in to the portal” in the upper left hand side.



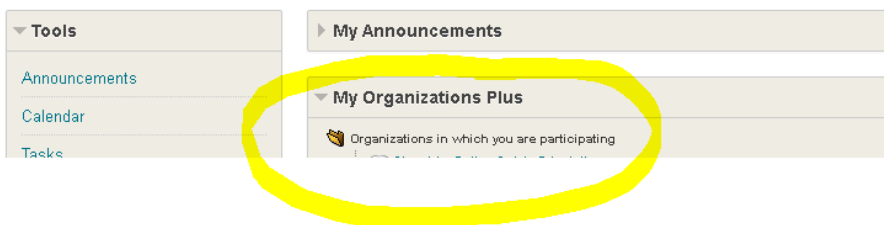
- 3) Enter your UTORID and password and then click “Log in.”



- 4) Under “My Organizations Plus” and then “Organizations in which you are participating in,” look for “MSB Reports” and click on it.

Important Security Announcement:

Over the holiday break, please continue to be vigilant. If you receive an email soliciting enrolment in **OneClass** or an invitation to or buttons, and delete the email. We have discovered a problem with the **OneClass Easy Invite Chrome Extension** which may services, including Blackboard and other university and/or commercial/community services. To read more, please see <http://mai>



If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS): ehs.office@utoronto.ca.