Safety Practices for Labs Working With Biohazardous Materials

✓ Access to the lab must be restricted at all times.
✓ Personnel must wash their hands after working with biohazardous materials and before leaving the laboratory.
✓ Eating, drinking, smoking, handling contact lenses, applying cosmetics and storing food for human consumption is not permitted.
✓ Mouth pipetting is prohibited.
✓ Policies for the safe handling of sharps must be developed and implemented.
✓ The production of aerosols must be minimized.
✓ Work surfaces must be decontaminated after completion of work and after any spill of biohazardous materials.
✓ Decontaminate all cultures, stocks, and other potentially hazardous material before disposal.
✓ The universal biohazard symbol must be posted at the entrance to the lab.
✓ An effective pest management program should be in place.
✓ The PI (principal investigator) must ensure that all personnel receive the appropriate training regarding their duties, precautions to prevent exposure, and what to do in the event of an exposure.