



Cambridge  
Public Health  
Department

## Cambridge Biosafety Forum

IBC Community Representative Training

May 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM – 8:00 PM

Location: The Cambridge Hospital Campus, 1493 Cambridge Street  
Macht Auditorium (In brick building on left side rear)

This 2-day program has been developed to recruit and educate new and current Community Representatives to serve as key members of Institutional Biosafety Committees (IBCs) in Cambridge.

Cambridge residents who are interested in serving are welcome to attend at no charge.

Biotechnology research and development offers valuable opportunities for the creation of critical therapies for people all over the world who suffer from disease. Sometimes this research involves recombinant DNA, infectious agents, and other inherent laboratory biosafety risks. A well run IBC is critical for risk-mitigating, for generating public assurance and in order to establish credibility with the community and its elected officials.

The City of Cambridge mandates that all IBCs include a member of the Cambridge community to serve on its IBC. They are known as the IBC Community Representative.

- *Community Representatives do not need to have a formal scientific background.*
- *Community Representatives can work in the biotechnology industry and still serve (though not with any permitted firm with which they have a financial connection)*
- *Prospective Community Representatives who reside in Cambridge will be our first priority, though other unaffiliated residents from nearby communities will also be eligible to attend at no cost.*

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Prospective and current IBC Community Representatives
- Local public health officials with biosafety or rDNA oversight responsibilities
- IBC members from companies/institutions permitted in Cambridge



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Participants will learn about the roles and responsibilities of Community Representatives for IBCs and how to become involved. Topics will include:

- Goals, roles, and responsibilities of IBCs
- An overview of the history of biotechnology
- Emerging gene-editing technologies and their ethical implications
- Introduction to Molecular Biology of Viruses
- Role of the Community Representative on the IBC
- Mock IBC – meeting minutes and project registration review
- Ask the Experts Panel Discussion

## LOCATION

Macht Building (next to Cambridge Hospital), 1493 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

Free validated parking will be available at the Cambridge Hospital garage located beneath The Cambridge Hospital down the ramp past the main entrance.

## REGISTRATION

- There is **no cost** for new potential Community Representatives to attend. Additionally, stipends are available for travel and childcare costs.
- Companies with staff or community members already serving on their IBC: \$50 for each person (whether a current Community Representatives or another IBC member)
- Individual registration (biosafety professionals, public health officials, and others not looking to serve on a Cambridge-based IBC): \$50

NOTE: Registrants must be available to attend both nights of the course.

To register, visit: <http://conta.cc/2pZLWlc> or download the registration form and return to Ashleigh Allard (Safety Partners) by May 3<sup>rd</sup> via:

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