## Brucella Laboratory Minimal-, Low-, and High-Risk Assessment and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis

Brucella Laboratory Risk Assessment and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP): Minimal Risk							
Specimen handling	Exposure scenario	PEP	Follow-up/monitoring				
Routine clinical specimen (e.g., blood, serum, cerebrospinal fluid)	Person who manipulated a routine clinical specimen in a certified Class II biosafety cabinet, <b>with</b> appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) (i.e., gloves, gown, eye protection).		N/A				
	Everyone present in the lab while someone manipulated a routine clinical specimen in a certified Class II biosafety cabinet, or on an open bench where manipulation did not involve occurrence of aerosolgenerating events (e.g., centrifuging without sealed carriers, vortexing, sonicating, spillage/splashes).	None	May consider symptom watch for following scenarios:  Person who manipulated a routine clinical specimen on an open bench with or without appropriate PPE, or in a certified Class II biosafety cabinet without appropriate PPE.  Person present in the lab while someone manipulated a routine clinical specimen on an open bench, resulting in aerosolgenerating events.				
Enriched material (e.g., a <i>Brucella</i> isolate, positive blood bottle) or reproductive clinical specimen (e.g., amniotic fluid, placental products)	Person who manipulated enriched material or reproductive clinical specimen <b>in</b> a certified Class II biosafety cabinet, <b>with</b> appropriate PPE.						
	Everyone present in the lab while someone manipulated enriched material or reproductive clinical specimen in a certified Class II biosafety cabinet.						

Brucella Laboratory Risk Assessment and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP): Low Risk							
Specimen handling	Exposure scenario	PEP	Follow-up/ monitoring				
Enriched material (e.g., a <i>Brucella</i> isolate, positive blood bottle) or reproductive clinical specimen (e.g., amniotic fluid, placental products)	Everyone present in the lab at a distance of > 5 feet from someone manipulating enriched material or reproductive clinical specimen, on an open bench, with no occurrence of aerosol-generating events (e.g., centrifuging without sealed carriers, vortexing, sonicating, spillage/splashes).	May consider if immunocompromised or pregnant.  Discuss with health care provider (HCP).  Note: RB51 is resistant to rifampin in vitro, and therefore this drug should not be used for PEP or treatment courses.	Regular symptom watch (e.g., weekly) and daily self-fever checks through 24 weeks after last known exposure.  Sequential serological monitoring at 0 (baseline), 6, 12, 18, and 24 weeks after last known exposure.  Note: no serological monitoring currently available for RB51 and <i>B. canis</i> exposures in humans.				

Brucella Laboratory Risk Assessment and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP): High Risk							
Specimen handling	Exposure scenario	PEP	Follow-up/ monitoring				
Routine clinical specimen (e.g., blood, serum, cerebrospinal fluid)	Person who manipulated a routine clinical specimen, resulting in contact with broken skin or mucous membranes, regardless of working in a certified Class II biosafety cabinet, with or without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) (i.e., gloves, gown, eye protection).	Doxycycline 100mg twice daily, and rifampin 600 mg once daily, for three weeks.  For patients with contraindications to doxycycline or rifampin, consider	Regular symptom watch (e.g., weekly) and daily self-fever checks through 24 weeks after last known exposure.  Sequential serological monitoring at 0 (baseline), 6, 12, 18, and 24 weeks after last known exposure.  Note: no serological monitoring currently available for RB51 and B. canis exposures in humans.				
Enriched material (e.g., a Brucella isolate, positive blood bottle) or reproductive clinical specimen (e.g., amniotic fluid, placental products)	Person who manipulated or is ≤ 5 feet from someone manipulating enriched material or reproductive clinical specimen, <b>outside</b> of a certified Class II biosafety cabinet.	TMP-SMZ in addition to another appropriate antimicrobial. Two antimicrobials effective against Brucella should be					
	Person who manipulated enriched material or reproductive clinical specimen, within a certified Class II biosafety cabinet, without appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).	given.  Pregnant women should consult their obstetrician.					
	Everyone present when aerosol-generating events occurred (e.g., centrifuging without sealed carriers, vortexing, sonicating, spillage/splashes) with manipulation of enriched material or reproductive clinical specimen on an open bench.	Note: RB51 is resistant to rifampin <i>in vitro</i> , and therefore this drug should not be used for PEP or treatment courses.					