## LATEX SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

The Health Science Center (HSC) ensures a safe learning and research environment for the faculty, researchers, staff and students through the collaboration of its partners. The HSC aims to protect staff and students from unnecessary exposure to latex and to control with limits, exposure of latex and latex based products.

To assure a "latex safe environment," occupants and participants of the HSC limit the use and direct exposure of latex based products. In accordance with this policy, latex balloons, latex based powered gloves and products produced with latex will be limited. If a product used in research or instruction does not have a latex alternative, the product should have a protective barrier to prohibit the exposure or release of latex particles.

It is the personal responsibility of individuals with a latex allergy to inform their department/school, etc. so additional precautions can be taken as needed.

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