



# ABSIA INTERNATIONAL

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## 11. Field Biosafety: Protecting Researchers and Communities in Wildlife Disease Investigations

*A distance learning opportunity*

**July 16 and 23, 2025**

1:00 – 3:00 PM (CDT)

This webinar will provide comprehensive training on field biosafety, designed specifically for biosafety professionals, researchers, veterinarians, and field personnel involved in wildlife disease research. The course is structured to offer practical guidance on assessing biosafety risks in diverse field settings and effectively implementing the Field Biosafety Levels (FBSLs)—a structured framework for zoonotic disease protection. Participants will learn to critically evaluate risks, determine appropriate biosafety levels, and apply best practices in real-world scenarios.

Over the two sessions, participants will be introduced to key principles of field biosafety and detailed considerations for advising researchers on potential risks. Participants will also explore the practical application of Field Biosafety Levels (FBSLs) as a proposed standardized approach to managing zoonotic risks in diverse field environments. In the final session, participants will be given a brief recap, followed by an interactive implementation practice exercise. Real-world examples, including visual aids illustrating proper and improper biosafety practices, will be reviewed. Participants will engage in active discussions, analyzing images to identify potential biosafety hazards and propose solutions. The webinar concludes with an open Q&A session.

The webinar will be two 2-hour sessions on Wednesday, July 16 and July 23, 2025, at 1:00 pm (CDT). For the webinar sessions, you should plan on logging in 15 minutes prior to the start time. You are required to attend the webinar sessions, complete and/or access all the modules in the course on the training site to receive the completion certificate through the ABSA International Training Site. The link in the invitation will be unique to the user and cannot be shared.

Upon completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Identify critical factors for conducting comprehensive biosafety risk assessments in field research
- Summarize and apply the Field Biosafety Levels (FBSLs) framework for zoonotic disease management
- Critically evaluate field practices to ensure compliance with recommended biosafety protocols
- Implement practical biosafety solutions tailored to specific field research scenarios

The webinar will be presented by the following subject matter expert: **Marc Valitutto, VMD**, Wildlife Veterinarian and Biosafety Expert, specializing in zoonotic disease investigations and the development of the Field Biosafety Levels framework, Field Biosafety Solutions, New York, NY

### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

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- Biosafety professionals and researchers involved in research activity in outdoor, non-laboratory settings
- Veterinarians, field researchers, and support personnel working in zoonotic disease investigations
- Environmental health and safety officers overseeing field-based research activities

### **COURSE FEES**

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___ ABSA Members	\$175.00 USD
___ Nonmembers	\$265.00 USD

To obtain the ABSA member rate, the participant will need to be an ABSA member in the *year* in which the training is offered. Course fees include: course handouts, access to the ABSA International training site, and 2 hours of interactive instruction from a well-respected subject matter expert.

Group Discount: 10% off registration for 3-4 participants from the same organization; 20% off registration for 5-9 participants from the same organization; 30% off registration for 10 or more participants from the same organization

### **QUESTIONS**

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Please direct questions about this webinar to:

Kari DeServi, MEd, Director of Education, ABSA Office, 866.425.1385 (toll free), Email: [education@absa.org](mailto:education@absa.org)

*This course has been approved for 0.5 CM points toward RBP/CBSP recertification. \*ABSIA International is approved as a provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® Program. This course is approved for 4.5 P.A.C.E.® contact hours. The links to the various invitations for the course will be unique to the user and cannot be shared. The links are for single, individual use only. If more than one occurrence of an individual's name is on the Zoom attendee list or a name not of the roster, all instances will be removed from the webinar with no refund. The webinar and its associated links are for single, individual use only.*

# Registration Form

## 11. Field Biosafety: Protecting Researchers and Communities in Wildlife Disease Investigations

\*Name (First, Middle Initial, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s): Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City, State: Country: Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please provide your preferred email address, which you frequently access)

### **\*Required information**

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***For the group discount, please call the ABSA Office to register the participants***

Check enclosed (drawn in a US Bank on US funds; made payable to ABSA International)

\_\_\_\_\_ Visa      \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard      \_\_\_\_\_ American Express

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