

PERSONNEL ENTERING ANIMAL FACILITIES

HEALTH AND RISK ASSESSMENT

Complete, affix signatures and return signed form to IACUC via email at IACUC@eou.edu or hard copies can be mailed to Brian Myers BH 313B.

1. Occupational health and safety principles require that individuals know the hazards associated with their work, understand how these hazards are controlled, have safe practices, and use protective supplies and equipment.
2. The *Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* requires institutions to provide occupational health-care services to individuals who may access animal facilities.
3. This is not a requirement to provide specific health-care services to all individuals that may access animal facilities. On the contrary, the report of the *Committee on Occupational Safety and Health in Research Animal Facilities* (NRC, 1997) emphasizes that a risk assessment be a prerequisite in selecting appropriate health-care services for each individual.
4. This should be a collaborative assessment of risk in which the individual, supervisor, facility manager, veterinarian, safety officer and occupational health professional may participate as appropriate.
5. As a way of initiating and documenting this assessment, **each individual that may access animal facilities must complete this health and risk assessment document.**

1. PERSONNEL.

Employee's Name: _____ 910#: _____ E-mail: _____ Phone#: _____

Supervisor Name: _____ Supervisor E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

Institutional Affiliation:

☐ Employee ☐ Student Employee ☐ Other _____

2. CLINICAL CONDITION.

Working in animal facilities may exacerbate certain health conditions. If you have health conditions such as, but not limited to, a personal or family history of allergy (e.g., seasonal rhinitis, hay fever, eczema, or hives), asthma symptoms (e.g., coughing, wheezing, chest tightness, or shortness of breath), chronic skin condition or irritation, spina bifida, tuberculosis, diabetes, epilepsy, immunodeficiencies, or medications which compromise immunocompetence, you may wish to seek the advice of a physician before working in animal facilities.

3. THINGS TO KNOW:

- The most common health hazard in animal facilities is allergies.
 - If your duties require entry to an animal room, you must first contact the facility manager.
 - The facility manager will advise you of any risk associated with the room and provide you with the proper protective equipment and procedures to enter the room.
- 1 • Should the room contain a research project with identified hazards (i.e., signage on the door) the facility manager will escort you to the room and ensure safe access is achieved. • I understand the most common health hazard in animal facilities is allergies and I will contact the facility manager before entering an animal room.
 - 2 • I understand that I may seek advice of a physician/health care professional to discuss any health conditions that may affect my ability to perform my duties before working in animal facilities.

4. CERTIFICATION.

- 1 • I understand that an *Accident/Incident Report* must be completed after all work-related accidents, injuries, or suspected hazard exposures which involve animals, or which occur in animal facilities.
- 2 • I understand that recommendations can be made regarding this health & safety program by contacting the IACUC committee at IACUC@eou.edu
- 3 • I assure that this description is complete and accurate.
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Signature _____

Date _____