

April 30, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

This communication provides an update from Research and Sponsored Programs and the Department of Laboratory Animal Resources (DLAR) regarding continued efforts to minimize the transmission of COVID-19. DLAR staff will continue to provide veterinary medical care; assessment of animal health and wellbeing; provision of food, water, and clean cages; and maintenance of proper environmental conditions.

- All faculty and staff should continue to work remotely, per the University communication on April 29, 2020.
- Effective May 11th, all rodent breeding may resume and may be managed by researchers who have been identified as essential or approved personnel.
- May 18th, animal orders can be initiated by researchers who have been identified as essential or approved personnel. Animals would be received the following week May 25th.
- May 25th, imports and exports of animals can also resume with the limitations of the other institutions.
- Activities will continue to be **restricted to critical research and essential functions at this time**. Procedures for resuming other research activities are under development.
 - Definitions of critical and essential research may be found on the Research and Sponsored Programs Coronavirus [website](#). Please notify the IACUC (IACUC@utoledo.edu) prior to commencement of critical and essential research.
- Until further notice, all in-person DLAR training courses have been canceled. Classes will be rescheduled at a later date.
- The Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) and support staff will continue to review submissions (i.e., protocols and amendments) during this time. If you have any questions, please contact the IACUC at IACUC@utoledo.edu.

In addition, faculty, staff, and students must take the following steps related to animal research:

- Identify essential personnel and limit animal access to only those personnel to manage current experiments.

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- All faculty, staff, and students entering the vivarium must wear gloves and face masks or coverings. Medical face masks are in very limited quantities therefore we ask you to bring your own DIY face coverings. These face coverings can be cloth and easily made and are to be supplied by the researchers. A link to how to make cloth face masks can be found [here](#).
 - At each facility entrance, DLAR will supply gloves and a limited quantity of medical face masks. Again, please bring your own DIY face covering.
- Animal housing and procedure rooms will be limited to one person per laminar flow hood or room at any given time. Sign-up sheets will be provided by DLAR.
- Researchers entering the vivarium are expected to assist in disinfection of high touch areas before and after use as instructed. If you contact high touch / commonly used objects (i.e. light switches), you must disinfect those.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact IACUC (IACUC@utoledo.edu) or DLAR (Scott.Bechaz@utoledo.edu). Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



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