

## **Animal Research Guidance, March 23, 2020**

University leadership have established **SEVERE** Research Restrictions, effective March 25, 2020. Under these restrictions, all basic and animal research experimentation requiring a physical presence at UMD will cease, unless specifically exempted by Deans/VPR.

Under this guidance, the following additional items apply to animal care and use operations. Please keep in mind that this guidance is subject to change:

- Access for core animal care staff has been verified with UMCP police. Researchers should verify that all IACUC-approved personnel requiring access to animal areas have the required access. Personnel without verified access should not be allowed into restricted areas (i.e. no “piggy-backing”). To assist in identifying essential personnel, the IACUC office sent requests for lists of essential personnel and their assigned UIDs. If you have not responded, please do so now.
- DLAR will reduce staffing to minimize personnel risk and ensure animal welfare. DLAR personnel will not be available to perform technical procedures in support of experimental protocols (e.g. sample collection).
- Routine DLAR services, including animal orders, imports/exports, supply orders, and laundry service will not occur while under current restrictions. Services required to support critical studies will only be initiated with approval from Deans/Vice President for Research.
- DLAR will only accept supply orders related to critical animal research as approved by Deans/VPR. If you do not have card access to Clark Hall, please make sure to email ([dlar@umd.edu](mailto:dlar@umd.edu)) to schedule an exact pickup date and time.
- Routine laundry service is cancelled. Contact [dlar@umd.edu](mailto:dlar@umd.edu) if laundry service is required to support approved critical studies.
- Face-to-face animal user classes are postponed until further notice. Principal investigators should ensure that all personnel working with animals are IACUC-approved and have appropriate training to perform required technical procedures in support of critical experiments.
- Please adhere to all posted PPE requirements in animal facilities across campus.
- Breeding animals must be separated to prevent additional births. Breeding colony managers should ensure that sufficient young, healthy animals of required genotype(s) are available to sustain/reconstitute the colony and meet future research needs. The preference is to retain useful weanling vs. unproductive breeders. Researchers may also consider cryopreservation of critical lines.
- Is the University requiring all animals to be euthanized? No. During this time, the goal is to maintain a healthy colony of animals that can be used in studies after April 10<sup>th</sup> (date subject to change). Investigators should continue to evaluate experiments to determine what experimental groups/individuals will not be usable if faculty and staff are not physically present to continue the experiments. Please carefully consider animals with ongoing health issues (chronic dermatitis, malocclusion, etc.) and aged/non-productive breeders in your evaluations.
- For facilities not serviced by DLAR, please consult with animal care facility managers and staff for specific information related to operations in those facilities.