

Research Animal Facility Access and Use - Summer 2021

Laboratory Animal Medicine Service

Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine

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Surveillance and Testing

- Follow University and Cummings School vaccination and testing policies. Check frequently as requirements are subject to change.
 - Tufts University: <https://viceprovost.tufts.edu/covid-19-information-research-resources>
 - Cummings School:
 - Dean's Updates
 - <https://vet.tufts.edu/covid-19-info-hub/covid-19-policies-and-guidelines/>
 - University surveillance guidelines and testing times: <https://coronavirus.tufts.edu/testing-at-tufts>
- Surveillance testing is required for all faculty, staff, affiliates and students routinely on-site. Individuals on site once a week or less often must test on the day of the visit.
- Infrequent visitors and vendors must limit their visit to the sites and time required for their task, complete a COVID19 symptom check on the day of the visit, wear a mask at all times when indoors and may not eat on campus or work with students.
 - Visitors who will enter LAMS facilities (or their sponsor) must notify Dr. Lee-Parritz (David.Lee-Parritz@tufts.edu) in advance of the visit.
 - Advance notice of vendor deliveries is not required.
- Please direct questions about COVID19 testing requirements to: cummingscovid@tufts.edu

LAMS Policies and Procedures

1. Follow LAMS policies for animal orders, room use and supply and support requests.
2. Follow IACUC, IBC and other applicable regulatory policies for research animal use.

LAMS room use and occupancy limits

1. Limit room occupancy to the number of people required.
2. Use online or manual room reservation system to request procedure and surgery rooms and times.

3. Coordinate husbandry and research schedules to control traffic and simultaneous usage of animal rooms by LAMS and research staff.

PPE

1. Face mask and scrubs or lab coat minimum PPE required at all times in vivarium hallways and rooms.
2. Follow additional PPE requirements posted at facility and room entrances.
3. If a project requires surgical mask, N95 or PAPR, these must be provided by the researcher
4. As available, LAMS will provide PPE and disposable lab coats at cost by advance request.
5. Don gloves before handling or opening cages, animals or other equipment. Remove and discard when leaving room.
6. Remove lab coat upon leaving facility.

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1. Upon entry, remove and properly store or discard face mask. Remove and hang hallway lab coat on provided hooks.
2. Don gloves, new mask and disposable cover gown in anteroom.
3. When leaving, remove and properly dispose gloves, mask and cover gown before leaving. *Do not hang cover gowns for reuse.* Don new or properly stored mask, retrieve lab coat and exit.

Disinfection

1. LAMS will place disinfectant spray or wipes outside each animal room.
2. Disinfect test materials and other items brought from lab upon entry to the animal facility.
3. Disinfect work surfaces before and after each work session.