



Policy on the Animal Handler Medical Surveillance Program

BACKGROUND

An effective occupational health and safety program ensures that the risks associated with the experimental use of animals are identified and reduced to acceptable levels. This policy implements a necessary and comprehensive Animal Handler Medical Surveillance program to address health risks such as allergens and zoonoses.

POLICY

Personnel that participate in animal research* at U-M are required to enroll in the Animal Handler Medical Surveillance program, administered by Occupational Health Services (OHS).

- Enrollment consists of an initial questionnaire to assess current risks.
- Personnel receive annual reminders that they should update their questionnaire if there is a change in personal medical condition, work tasks, or species handled.
- Personnel identified as working under high-risk conditions by OHS will be asked to complete a questionnaire more frequently commensurate with said risk.

Faculty and staff will be informed of their medical surveillance or hazards program requirements. Further mandatory involvement will be determined by personal risks and species and materials exposure.

*Some short-term personnel may be exempt from enrollment as detailed in *the IACUC Policy on Tracking and Training Personnel Involved with Animal Activities*, but will still receive information on health risks.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For questions, additional detail, or to request changes to this policy, please contact the Animal Care & Use Office (acuoffice@umich.edu).