



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER EL PASO

Operating Policy and Procedure

TTUHSC El Paso Health Surveillance Program

Laboratory Animal Resource Centers

I. GUIDELINES

Health surveillance guidelines are designed to protect both people and the laboratory animals, and are based on the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (NRC 1996); *Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 5th Edition (2008)*, and other relevant published information.

II. COVERED INDIVIDUALS

Covered Individuals include those who work in the Laboratory Animal Resource Centers (LARC) on any campus or who have contact with laboratory animals or animal tissues, fluids or wastes or animal living quarters on a regular basis. (See Employee Health Program for Personnel with Laboratory Animal Contact: LARC Policy No. POLARCOO4 available at the LARC office.)

III. COSTS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COVERED INDIVIDUALS

Screenings and Immunizations: Costs for screenings and immunizations will be borne by the LARC department.

Exposure Investigation and Management: Costs for exposure management will be borne by the LARC department.

Annual FLU vaccine: Cost will be covered by the Office of Institutional Health.

IV. INSTITUTIONAL HEALTH RESOURCE RESPONSIBILITY

a) History and Evaluation

All Covered Individuals must read the *Employee Health Program for Personnel with Laboratory Animal Contact Handbook*. "A Risk Assessment For Animal Contact: Health Questionnaire" shall be completed by Level 1 participants as stipulated on the "Request for Laboratory Animal Resources Center Access Form" (FMLARC012) and submitted to the Health Surveillance Unit with responsibility for LARC to be reviewed. A medical evaluation/consultation may be required.

b) Required or Recommended Screening and Immunization

Required or recommended screening and immunizations are specified in LARC Policy POLARC004 available from the LARC Program Office at 915-215-4414 or the LARC office.