

**VISITOR POLICY: ADVISORY REGARDING SAFE ENTRY INTO THE
NORTHWEST ANIMAL FACILITY BIOHAZARD CONTAINMENT FACILITY**

All persons who use the Northwest Animal Facility (NAF) Biohazard Containment Facility (BCF) are required to be trained regarding the hazards they may encounter while working there. As a visitor, you must read and sign that you understand the information contained in this advisory:

- 1) You must be escorted into the facility. Only trained and authorized individuals are given independent cardkey access to the facility.
- 2) The BCF is an area where infectious materials are used in research. Hazard information about specific infectious agents is posted outside specific room-doors where they may be in use. If any of the following conditions apply to you, **you may not enter the facility**: if you are pregnant; if you have either a disease or are undergoing therapy that is damaging or destructive to your immune system (e.g. HIV/ AIDS or chemotherapy); if you have a disease or condition that permits easy secondary infections to occur (e.g., you recently had surgery); if you are currently ill with any infectious disease more serious than a common cold (e.g. when taking antibiotics); or, if you cannot properly wear the protective equipment necessary to protect you from exposure to hazardous agents. If **any** of these conditions apply to you, **do not enter the BCF**. Contact either the Occupational Health Clinic (642-6891), Sara Souza (643-5809) or Bob Hashimoto (643-6562) of EH&S, or Quig Driver (642-9232) of OLAC for guidance.
- 3) **DO NOT ENTER** the BCF until you have been trained or have an approved escort. Faculty, students and staff who have been trained to use this facility may escort you into their areas only. Selected Office of Laboratory Animal Care (OLAC) staff may also serve as escorts. For independent access, you must receive a facility orientation and safe-work instruction from the OLAC person giving you access to the facility as to how to either avoid areas where hazardous materials are in use, or how to work safely in those areas. Required personal protective equipment must be worn at all times and removed prior to exiting the facility. If you do not receive orientation/instruction or an escort, you must contact either Sara Souza (643-5809) or Bob Hashimoto (643-6562) of EH&S or Quig Driver (642-9232) of the NAF.
- 4) Due to the potential for airborne transmission of infectious agents, medical clearance by an occupational health provider and either a fitting for an N95 respirator including safe-use training, or training on safe-use of a Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR), is required of all persons prior to entry into the Biosafety Level 3 facility. UC employees must contact Sara Souza (643-5809) or Bob Hashimoto (643-6562) of EH&S in advance to coordinate the medical clearance and respirator fitting and training **prior** to entering the BCF.

Non-UC employees (e.g. contractors hired for maintenance work) must provide their own respiratory protection equipment and documented evidence of Cal/OSHA-required medical clearance, fit testing and training through their employer to UC Berkeley upon request prior to entry into the BCF. This policy complies with Cal/OSHA's Respiratory Protection Standard CCR Title 8 Section 5144 (<http://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5144.html>) and the UC Berkeley Respiratory Protection Program.

I understand the above conditions and agree to abide by them.

SIGNATURE: _____
PRINT NAME: _____ DATE: _____
REPRESENTING: _____
ADDRESS: _____
WORK PHONE NUMBER: _____
CALLED BY OR WORKING FOR: _____

CHECK ONE:

CLEARED FOR INDEPENDENT ACCESS CLEARED FOR ESCORT ONLY

SIGNATURE / NAME OF OLAC PERSON APPROVING / ESCORTING THIS ENTRANT:

_____ / _____

Cc:

OLAC Facility Manager

Approved Person / Visitor

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