

**Occupational Health and Safety -Animal Care Program**  
**The University of Texas -Rio Grande Valley**

**Medical Health Questionnaire: Part I**

**CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT:**

This form requests that you provide personal health information that is protected by University policy and State and Federal law. Your rights to the confidentiality of your personal health information will be strictly maintained by UTRGV. Your information will be used or disclosed in accordance with those policies and laws only to the minimal extent necessary for your treatment or business operations. You are not required to disclose this information and may decline enrollment at the end of this form.

**A. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Employee or Student ID:</b>
<b>Job Title / Student if Applicable:</b>	<b>UTRGV Department/School:</b>
<b>Bldg./Rm. Number</b>	<b>Your Contact Number(s):</b>
<b>Principal Investigator:</b>	<b>Protocol Number:</b>

**B. ANIMAL INFORMATION: (Identify animals you will be working with)**

Description	Check	
Laboratory Rodents (Rats, Mice, Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rabbits	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Birds	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Amphibians	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rabbits	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reptiles	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**C. ANIMAL/ANIMAL TISSUE EXPOSURE INFORMATION**

**Describe your position as it involves your potential exposure to animals (what type of animal work do you anticipate doing?) (Faculty, PI, Post Doc, Staff member; Veterinarian; Animal Attendant etc.)**

Description	Yes	No
I am involved with veterinary care, animal husbandry, or have other direct contact with animals used for research and/or teaching.		
I am involved with animal attendant responsibilities including, but not limited to, the feeding and watering of animals, cleaning of cages and racks, cleaning and disinfecting of animal rooms.		
I am not handling animals but will be working in areas of the animal facility where animals are housed.		
Other (Please describe):		

**Medical Health Questionnaire: Part II**

Description	Yes	No
<p><b>Do you have a personal or family history of allergies (sneezing, runny or stuffy nose, watery or itchy eyes, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, skin rash or hives derived from exposure to mold, pollen, dust mites, latex, or other contaminants?)</b></p>		
<p>If yes, indicate the source of the allergies.</p>		
<p><b>Have these symptoms required any treatment with over-the-counter medications (Claritin, Benadryl, decongestants, eye drops, etc.) or necessitated treatment by your own physician ?</b></p>		
<p><b>Have you experienced allergies (sneezing, runny or stuffy nose, watery or itchy eyes, coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, skin rash or hives after exposure to animals, or their cages and bedding?)</b></p>		
<p>If yes, indicate what type of animal(s).</p>		
<p><b>Do you have a personal or family history of asthma, asthma-like symptoms, hay fever or eczema?</b></p>		
<p>If yes, indicate. What is the cause?</p>		
<p><b>Have you had to wear a respirator, goggles or protective clothing to protect yourself from allergies (e.g., hay fever [rhinitis], eye symptoms, hives or asthma) at work?</b></p>		

**D. OTHER**

<p><b>Have you ever been evaluated for a lab animal or research related health problem?</b></p>		
<p>If yes, please explain.</p>		
<p><b>Are you immunosuppressed, post-splenectomy or taking immunosuppressant drugs? Do you have an immune suppressing condition? This can occur due to an immunodeficiency disorder/disease, taking medications that suppress the immune system such as long term corticosteroid use or undergoing surgery such as an organ transplant or spleen removal.</b></p>		
<p>If yes, indicate the condition.</p>		
<p><b>Do you have any disabilities / limitations which would affect your ability to perform work duties (bend, lift, carry, walk read or talk?)</b></p>		
<p>If yes, please indicate.</p>		
<p><b>Do you have any health or workplace concerns not covered by the questionnaire that you feel may affect your occupational health and would like to confidentially discuss If you select "yes," the DEHS Director will contact you for follow up.</b></p>		

## E. IMMUNIZATION / SCREEN HISTORY

Immunization /Screen History	Date of last
Tetanus Immunization/Booster (A tetanus booster is recommended for all adults every 10 years per the Centers for Disease Control's adult immunization schedule. Tdap or Td is offered by to all personnel working with research animals at no cost. This is a recommended vaccine.	
Hepatitis B vaccination (The vaccine is recommended all personnel working with human body fluids, tissues or cells or OPIM)	
Rabies ( The rabies vaccine is recommended for to all personnel identified as working with high risk rabies species such as bats and wild mammals including raccoons, skunks, foxes, and coyotes.	

### Special Notice

Due to occupational job duties, you may be at risk of exposure to potentially infectious materials and/or blood or blood products that may put you at risk for acquiring diseases. Certain accommodations may be required for your safety, including immunizations, use of respirator, special protective equipment or clothing, etc. The DEHS will inform you of any additional requirements.

Female Personnel: If you are pregnant or become pregnant while involved in the animal care and use program, certain precautions may need to be taken during your pregnancy due to the risks associated with animals, biohazardous materials, radiation, or chemical agents. You are encouraged to discuss this with your personal care physician. Female personnel planning a pregnancy or who become pregnant while working with lab animals or in a laboratory setting are NOT required to notify the institution or the DEHS of this information. However, the EHSRM is available to confidentially discuss any reproductive health concerns you have involving your work with lab animals and/or laboratory work.

## F. Acknowledgement

Certification and Signature Please select ONE of the options below, then print and sign your name	Select
I have answered the questions on this form truthfully and to the best of my recollection, and I understand that I am now enrolled into the occupational health and safety program. I understand that I can change my status at any time.	
I do not wish to participate in the medical evaluation portion of the occupational health and safety program. I understand that working with animals may present certain risks or hazards that could be minimized through enrollment and recommendations by the Occupational Health Nurse. I understand that I can change my status at any time.	

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Employee (Print Name)

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Signature

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Date

*If you have questions or need assistance with the following questions, please feel free to contact the UTRGV Director of Environmental Health and Safety , Dr. Richard Costello , at (956) 665- 2903 or [costellor@utrgv.edu](mailto:costellor@utrgv.edu) The information is confidential under applicable State and Federal laws and regulations.*