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Occupational Health Program Changes

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NEW Occupational Health Procedure

With support from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee and the Laboratory Safety Advisory Committee, RMS is presenting a revised process for personnel who handle, maintain, or use animals for teaching or research or who require access to Freimann Life Science Center (FLSC).

This applies to all personnel at ND who:

- Work with live or dead whole animals or
- Work with animal non-fixed tissues or fluids harvested from animals or
- Require access to the FLSC with or without animal contact

All personnel affected by this procedure are required to complete one of two forms. The Occupational Health Screening Questionnaire (Category A Form) is for personnel who work with live or dead whole animals or non-fixed tissues or fluids from animals. The Certification Form (Category B Form) is for those who require access to FLSC but will <u>not</u> be working with animals.

The ND Wellness Center will now be the central point for receiving and processing both the Category A and B forms. They will also be responsible for informing personnel when Category A Forms must be resubmitted or when personnel are required to follow up on vaccinations required under this program.

Access to the FLSC will only be granted when personnel have successfully completed the Category A or B process. Additionally, access may be removed if personnel fail to submit a new Category A Form once every three years.

If you have any questions please contact RMS. The new <u>Occupational Health Procedure (Link)</u> and the associated <u>Category A (Link)</u> and <u>Category B (Link)</u> forms are available on the <u>RMS web</u> <u>site (Link)</u>.



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