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**UNO Information Sheet for Visitors Entering Animal Facilities**

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Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Principal Investigator or UNO Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Visit \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you had contact with non-UNO rodents within the last 24 hours? If YES, list species and source:**

UNO animal facility visitors must always be accompanied by an UNO Animal Care representative/Principal Investigator host or designee. The purpose of this document is to give visitors an overview of the potential health hazards associated with visiting the UNO animal facilities. Visitors should review this information carefully and sign the accompanying acknowledgement statement.

This document does not replace Occupational Health screening requirements when required. If a visitor will be entering a room when animals, outside containment caging, are present, additional Occupational Health screening requirements may need to be addressed. Contact the ACUP office at 402-554-2108 for further information. Wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks, gloves, gowns, and shoe covers helps to reduce the risk of exposure. Visitors must follow all PPE requirements for the areas they enter.

**Visitors may not have access to non-human primates, bio-containment areas, areas where chemical, radiologic, infectious, or other known hazards are located without authorization by the Director, ACUP or the Director's qualified designee. Hands-on contact with animals is only permitted for persons credentialed and approved by the UNO IACUC.**

**Laboratory Animal Allergy-General Risk to Visitors Enter Animal Facilities\***

**\*If you have a known allergy to animals, you should not enter the animal facilities until you have been evaluated/risk assessed by medical professional and cleared to enter the facilities.**

Visitors to any area where animals are present can be exposed to animal allergens in the form of saliva, hair, skin cancer, urine, bedding, dust and/or albumin (a blood protein). Individuals may experience an immediate reaction or may become sensitive to animal allergens with repeated exposure. Allergic reactions may include:

- Hives and /or Eczema: Pink, often itchy skin
- Conjunctivitis: Red, itchy, and/or watery eyes
- Nasal Congestion: Sneezing, itchy nose, clear nasal discharge
- Asthma: Coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, and/or chest tightness
- Anaphylaxis: An extreme and dangerous reaction which can include generalized itching, throat tightness, difficulty breathing or swallowing, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, or abdominal cramping.



Detailed information regarding other hazards in the facility is available from the ACUP Office at 402-554-2108. If you experience any of the reactions or symptoms listed above, you should immediately report these to your sponsor/escort and then see a health care provider at the Nebraska Medicine-UNO Health Center or your primary care physician. In case of severe symptoms, you should proceed to the Emergency Department for evaluation/treatment.

***By signing below, I acknowledge that I have reviewed this Information Sheet regarding general health risks associated with entering the animal facility. I understand that if I have questions or concerns, I should bring them to the attention of an Animal Care staff member, my host/sponsor and or the Nebraska Medicine-UNO Health Center.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ ACUP Manager Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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