

The following guidelines have been established for individuals working with Laboratory Rodents:

- You must have a current Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccination: (one that can be documented within last 10 years). (IACUC Policy 23)
 - It is recommended that you receive a Td booster if you experience a significant injury and your vaccination was administered more than 5 years previous.
- You will be provided with adequate hand washing, toilet, and shower facilities; and separate eating areas, as appropriate.
- You should wear adequate personal protective equipment (PPE), appropriate for the job, class, or 'task at hand'. Staff and students will be trained in the use of PPE based on the species and agent of use. Training must be documented and workers are expected to adhere to appropriate PPE use and facility policies.
- A Respiratory Protection Program is available for any employees/students working in dusty (feeds, hay, dried animal waste, etc.) environments requiring a half face or full-face respirator for respiratory protection. All employees and students working in these environments must enroll in the University's Respiratory Protection program (TTU OP 60.05). Visitors should be warned of the nature of the dusts (allergies, ocular/nasal irritation), and exposure limited by short duration in the area for touring purposes only.
 - This program includes medical examinations with a yearly physician's statement of medical qualification to wear a respirator.
 - Yearly respirator fit testing is required for half or full-face respirators, and will be performed by TTU-EH&S.
- All employees and students should be properly trained in handling techniques specific to the particular species with which they will be working. For appropriate training, please contact your supervisor or facilities manager.
- All employees and students should be aware of potential allergens associated with the particular species with which they will be working.
- All employees and students should be aware of the potential physical hazards associated with the particular species they will be working with. These hazards may include, but are not limited to, bites and scratches.
- All employees and students will be provided zoonosis information for the particular species with which they will be working (See appendix 11).