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Update to the Guidelines for the Transportation of Animals

The "Guidelines for the Transportation of Animals" was recently revised to include information on transporting animals between facilities and using private vehicles. In addition, information on the long-distant transport of animals and wildlife is now included.

The revised guideline is available on the "[Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines](#)" section of the IACUC website and has been loaded into eProtocol.

Respiratory Protection Program

The University now has a brand new [Respiratory Protection Program](#) for students, staff, and faculty who are required to wear respirators as part of their studies, job, or research. This program, however, does not apply to those who wear a respirator for voluntary use. When used properly, respirators safeguard the wearer from inhalation hazards.

There are three main components to the program. The first is to have a medical evaluation by the appropriate University medical provider. Students should contact [University Health Services \(UHS\)](#) and employees should make an appointment with the [HealthPoint Occupational Health Program](#). Each medical provider sets the length of time for follow-up medical evaluations. However, seeking advice for significant changes in the wearer's health status is encouraged. In addition, UHS and HealthPoint will perform fit testing on respirators for their respective clients. The last piece of the program is training. Users of respirators must successfully complete the online general training modules for all respirators that they may wear, as well as read manufacturer's specifications for the respirators.

Remember to Update eProtocol Personnel Listing

A new semester is here and there may be new faces in the lab. Be sure to update your protocol personnel listing(s) to remove folks that no longer work on protocol(s) and to add any new lab members.

Changes must be made online in eProtocol by creating and submitting a protocol amendment.

Need Help? Call Us!

The Office of Research Support is here to help. Please call if you have any questions!

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eProtocol Tip of the Month

I checked the status of my protocol in eProtocol and under Meeting Date it says "DMR." What does this mean?

Protocol Event	Panel	Meeting Date
RESUBMITTED TO IACUC	IACUC	DMR



The IACUC has determined that the protocol can be reviewed via the Designated Member Review (DMR) process. With DMR, the IACUC Chair assigns one (or more) member(s) to review the protocol on behalf of the IACUC. The DMR(s) have the authority to approve the protocol, request clarifications/changes, or refer the protocol to the next Full Committee Review (FCR). For more information about the protocol review process, see [FAQ C3 on the IACUC website](#).

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **February 8, 2016**.

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **January 15, 2016**.

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