

WVU IACUC Policy:

Occupational Health Requirements for Personnel Working with or near Live Animals

Purpose

West Virginia University is committed to observing federal policies, regulations and the AAALAC International standards for the humane care and use of animals.

Background

According to the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*: “Each institution must establish and maintain an occupational health and safety program (OHSP) as an essential part of the overall Program of animal care and use (CFR 1984a,b,c; DHHS 2009; PHS 2002).”

Policy

1. All WVU personnel and students working with or in proximity to live animals used in research or teaching **must** complete an Occupational Health Questionnaire (<https://ohq.hsc.wvu.edu/>).
2. Visiting personnel and students can request a waiver for submitting an Occupational Health Questionnaire by providing evidence that another program already covers them.

References

1. [Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals](#), National Research Council, 2011.
2. [Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations](#), United States Department of Agriculture, 2017.
3. [AAALAC Accreditation Program FAQs](#)