



Office of Animal Resources

OAR Addendum to recent communications:

In light of the emergency declaration from the Governor's office and in accordance with previous guidance posted to the OVPR website (<https://research.uiowa.edu/covid-19-information-researchers>), the following measures are being instituted by the Office of Animal Resources (OAR) effective immediately:

The following planned research protocol-related activities are suspended and/or not allowed to begin:

- All protocol-related surgeries
- All hazard work (chemical, biologic, radiologic)
- All movements of animals between animal facilities/vivaria
- New animal orders
- New animal deliveries
- Breeding of commercially available animals
- Non-critical supplies for labs ordered through OAR

*****PLEASE NOTE: Active, ongoing animal studies utilizing hazardous agents or nearing the end of their experimental timelines MAY continue provided that labs can comply with protocol monitoring criteria and the limitations to access and staff presence on campus as directed by other UI officials.*****

Research staff must coordinate with OAR to begin identification of non-critical animal assets and/or existing naive cohorts that will not be able to be utilized for planned experiments and assist in arrangements for their disposition. Of particular importance will be separation of active breeders for those lines that are commercially available.

Research **directly** related to COVID-19 is considered critical and therefore exempt from the above requirements. Other exceptions will generally not be granted but may be considered in extraordinary circumstances by the Attending Veterinarian in conjunction with the Vice President for Research.

Please continue to review the [COVID-19 Information for Researcher](#) website for updated information.

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