

Memorandum

To: All Faculty and Staff subscribed to the IACUC listserv
From: Michael Henderson
Associate Vice President for Research Regulatory Compliance and
Strategic Initiatives
Subject: ULAR and IACUC Communication Related to COVID-19
Date: March 16, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Please be advised that Temple's IACUC and University Laboratory Animal Resources (ULAR) has issued [Guidance](#) in regard to the continuation of animal care and the maintenance of animal welfare. This is being provided as a part of the Office of the Vice President for Research's [messaging](#), which is meant to help ensure the safety and appropriate care of research animals housed and utilized at Temple University. The IACUC and ULAR Guidance will be updated as needed with any new information regarding animal care and welfare. Please continue to refer to the published IACUC and ULAR Guidance as any new University-wide information is published, to see if and to what extent such information may affect the ability to perform animal research. Please also take note of the following:

1. Large animal orders will no longer be approved until further notice.
2. Please ensure that you are only ordering rodents if you plan to utilize them in the immediate future.
3. Surgical procedures in all animals should be postponed until further notice, unless otherwise approved by the Attending Veterinarian (Dr. Dorian L. Culmer-Butler).
4. Rodent breeding is highly discouraged at this time.
5. Labs providing their own husbandry care must submit a continuity plan to the IACUC.

As always, we appreciate your continued commitment to research excellence and diligence in ensuring the safety of our human research program.

Current updates from Temple's Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) website can be found [here](#) and continued research operations updates can be found [here](#).

IACUC Office Related Functions: In the event that the University closes all IACUC Office Staff can access ERA and other IACUC related programs remotely. The IACUC Office and Committee will still be able to process submissions, conduct reviews, and

provide approvals. Please direct any protocol submission concerns/issues to iacuc@temple.edu and an Office Staff Member will be able to assist you.

Animal Welfare concerns should still be reported via the Animal Welfare Hotline at 215-707-7116. These concerns will be routed to the IACUC Assistant Director for investigation.

Should you have any questions regarding the above info, please contact:

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