

Please Review the Following Information for Individuals Working with Laboratory Rodents.

- All employees and students should be aware of the potential zoonoses associated with the specific species with which they will be working. Species specific zoonoses are available at the [TSU IACUC website](#).
- You should have a current Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccination- records should indicate having received this within the last 10 years.
 - If you experience a significant injury and your vaccination was administered more than 5 years previous, a Td booster is highly recommended.
 - If you have not been vaccinated within the last 10 years, a Td booster is highly recommended.
- A Respiratory Protection Program is available for any employee and/or student working in dusty (dried animal waste, bedding, feeds, etc.) environment requiring more than a dust mask for respiratory protection. All employees and students working in these environments should consider enrolling in the University's respiratory protection program.
 - This program includes medical exams with an annual physician's statement of medical qualification to wear a respirator and annual respirator fit testing.
 - Visitors should be aware of the nature of the dusts, allergens, irritants and should limit their duration in the area for touring purposes only.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) appropriate for the job, class, or "task at hand" is available for individuals working with laboratory animals and should be used as appropriate.
- Handwashing stations, toilets, shower facilities, and separate eating areas are provided for individuals working with farm animals and should be used as appropriate.
- All employees and students should be aware of the potential allergens associated with the specific species with which they will be working.
- All employees and students should be properly trained in handling techniques specific to the species in which they will be working.
- All employees and students should be aware of the potential physical risks associated with the specific species with which they will be working. Risks may include, but are not limited to, bites and scratches.