Who

DOES THIS APPLY TO?

All faculty, staff, post doctoral fellows, students, and contractors must be enrolled in the Animal Surveillance Exposure Program (AESP) who:

- participate in research using animals,
- provide care for animals,
- work in an animal housing area,
- clean an animal housing area or
- perform construction in an animal housing area.

AESP is managed by Occupational Health Services, 98 North Broadway, 4th floor. The program allows Johns Hopkins to:

- offer you appropriate protection from diseases associated with animal use and care,
- review your current health status and
- monitor your health during employment.

You may contact Occupational Health Services to determine your enrollment status at 4-1129 or HSE at 5-5918.

Health, Safety & Environment

GENERAL INFORMATION

Safety Functions:

- Provide direction in all aspects of safety program, including JCAHO and regulatory compliance
- Safety training
- Chemical exposures, disposal and large spills
- Material Safety Data Sheets
- Biohazards including: biological safety cabinets, containment, HEPA filter units (AFB isolation) and PAPRs
- Life safety and evacuation
- Ergonomics and lifting
- Indoor air quality

Homewood Campus representatives of HSE
phone: 410-516-8798

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE..............PULL ALARM, Then Dial 5-4444
MEDICAL.....................5-4444
SECURITY.....................5-4444

http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/hse

Requirements for Working With Animals
Medical

Vaccinations/testing are performed free of charge by the Occupational Health Services for the following:

a) **Vaccinia** vaccination for individuals exposed to non-highly attenuated orthopoxviruses that infect humans including cowpox, vaccinia and vaccinia subspecies (unless medically contraindicated).

b) **Rabies** vaccination for a limited number of individuals, including Animal Services Staff, those using wild caught animals, dogs (conditioned), some non-human primates and farm animals. If you have already been vaccinated for rabies, blood tests are needed every other year to be sure you are still protected.

c) **Hepatitis B** vaccination for those individuals who have not already been vaccinated.

Biannual tuberculosis screening is required for anyone who works around non-human primates.

If you have not yet enrolled in the AESP, or are unsure if you are enrolled, or need to be TB tested or vaccinated, please contact the Occupational Health Services at 4-1129.

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Training

All faculty, staff and students must attend the Hazard Communication training session at least once during their employment. If you were hired in 1998 or later, you received this training during New Employee Orientation. If you were hired before 1998 or if you failed to attend the New Employee Orientation, you need to attend one of these sessions. To find out how to attend this training or whether you have had this training, call Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) at 5-5918.

All faculty, staff and students with exposure to human or animal bloodborne pathogens will be entered in the Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Program. Training is required when hired or before starting work with bloodborne pathogen containing materials and annually thereafter. To find out how to attend this training or whether you have had this training, call HSE at 5-5918.

All faculty, staff and students who use radioactive isotopes or handle animals (or their cages or bedding) that have been treated with radioactive isotopes must attend the Radiation Safety training session. If you are unsure whether you have attended this training or need this training, call Radiation Safety at 5-3710.

Anyone who will be working with animals must complete the "Animal Care And Use" course, located online at [https://secure.lwserver.net/jhmrc](https://secure.lwserver.net/jhmrc) before their participation in the research can be approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

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Policies

Wearing particular types of clothing (such as surgical gowns, scrubs or smocks) and other items (such as masks or goggles) while working is required for specific jobs in order to protect you from injury or illness. The University will provide these required items to you to use on the job as necessary. Policies on "Personal Protective Equipment" are found in the Johns Hopkins Safety Manual. Ask your supervisor about the personal protective equipment needed for your job if you are unsure. You also may call HSE to ask questions about this.

The Johns Hopkins Safety Manual has information about the items above and about other policies and guidelines, such as incident and injury reporting, pre-placement assessment, and other topics.

If there is not a copy where you work, ask your supervisor to arrange for you to see a copy. The Safety Manual is also available on-line at the HSE Department’s homepage, [www.hopkinsmedicine.org/hse](http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/hse).

For more information on issues related to care and use of animals at Johns Hopkins please visit [www.jhu.edu/animalcare](http://www.jhu.edu/animalcare).