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Commented [MC1]: I would like to suggest replacing this with the policy-however the policy needs further edits based on a response from Occ Health/Student Health

Commented [RO2R1]: Agree!

Title: Occupational Health Program for Animal Care and Use Personnel

- I. Purpose:
To identify the components and requirements of the Occupational Health Program for personnel exposed to live vertebrate animals as part of the UC Davis animal care program.
- II. Policy:
All employees, students, volunteers, visiting researchers, and non – UC collaborators who are listed on an Animal Care and Use Protocol or have contact with live vertebrate animals used in research or teaching are required to participate, as detailed at the link below, in the UC Davis Animal Care and Use Occupational Health Program or have an exemption on file. Personnel MUST complete the OHSS Screening requirements and be cleared PRIOR to entering animal facilities and handling live vertebrate animals.
- III. Procedure:
Follow the instructions found at the link below to enroll in the occupational health program. The link to the online enrollment system is <https://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/units/occupational-health/surveillance-system>.

Enrollment is also a prerequisite for being added to an animal care protocol staff roster (refer to IACUC Policy-25).

The Principal Investigator, Alternate Contact, Safety Coordinator or Supervisor or other designated person logs into the system and completes a risk assessment form for an employee. The employee receives an email, follows the links in the email to review and acknowledge the risk assessment and then moves to the next screen to enter personal health information into the health questionnaire. An email indicating successful enrollment is sent to the employee when both forms have been completed. The occupational health physician then reviews the information submitted, makes recommendations and sets requirements based on the information submitted in the risk assessment and personal health history. The employee must acknowledge these conditions in the system and comply with the recommendations/requirements.

The employee must make an appointment with occupational health if vaccinations, testing or sampling is required by the occupational health physician. This may be coordinated through a department trainer, department safety coordinator (DSC) or supervisor, who can make the appointment for the employee. The employee must comply with the physician's

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recommendations/requirements in order to be cleared for work with animals.

For those using respirators, for example an N-95 or other fitted respiratory protection, the questionnaire and fit test must be renewed annually per federal regulations.

Specific facilities will have additional requirements that must be fulfilled before entry is granted and participation is complete. For example, a vaccination, titer or other testing/screening may be a condition of entering a facility or working with high-risk species or agent. Facility managers or delegates are responsible for ensuring such additional requirements are kept up to date for staff access.