

Quarantine Testing Procedures Effective

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It is well-known that animals originating from non-approved sources (such as other universities) present one of the greatest threats to the health integrity of a given rodent colony, making the quarantine period a crucial step in warding off adventitious agents. The LARC, as the health “gatekeeper” for your rodent colony, tests via PCR. PCR testing provides the highest degree of accuracy and likelihood that an agent may be found.

Using PCR, the time in quarantine is greatly reduced to about two weeks (PCR). Daily costs of quarantine are \$6.30/cage/day.

Other considerations that can impact quarantine costs are overall number of cages, additional testing for excluded pathogens and treatment (if necessary) for pathogens, etc. We can discuss options and plans prior to receipt of shipment.

	Cage Per Diem	Avg. # Days *	Cage/Period
PCR	\$ 6.30	15	\$ 94.50