



LARC FACILITIES – “DOs AND DON’Ts”

Proper attire and behavior are required when entering and working in the LARC facilities. Extraneous and variable sounds, smells and activities where animals are housed or used can lead to unnecessary stress and affect experimental results. Therefore, we ask you to adhere to the following rules:

- Keep noise down in animal housing rooms. Consider housing rooms similar to a library environment
 - Silence your phones.
 - Do not use speakerphone feature if using phone.
 - Keep conversations down to a minimum and take informal conversations outside, to include laughter. When you need to speak inside an animal room, use a low volume.
 - Avoid banging, and loud noises when handling cages/equipment. Be Gentle.
- Do not wear perfume/cologne.
- No outside carts inside animal rooms.
- Do not use cloth or paper-like material for covering animals during transportation. Materials must be able to be sanitized.
- Wear closed toe shoes and ankle length attire.
- No food or drinks.
- Keep hood motors ON at all times but turn off lights when done.
- Light cycle 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM (CST).
 - To avoid affecting animals, do your work during the light cycle.
 - If there is a need to work during the dark cycle, consult LARC supervisors.
- Do not wear laboratory coats inside LARC facilities.
- Do not wear room-specific PPE outside of the animal room.
- Keep groups small when entering animal rooms and only those needed for research activities.
- Personnel that have not been given room access are not permitted in such room.
- To ensure prompt response in the event of cases of mouse dystocia (difficult birth) please assess your colonies **before 3:00 pm** on weekdays. This is to ensure there is adequate veterinary staff present to address the case promptly prior to the end of the workday.
- LARC after normal work hours/holidays/weekends – use/scan QR code on LARC Emergency Contact sign posted on exit doors to facilities.