



**NMSU Institutional Animal Care and Use Program
Occupational Health and Safety Program for Animal Workers**

MEDICAL HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please read the document titled “**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM FOR ANIMAL WORKERS - PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND REQUIREMENTS**” and sign the acknowledgement sheet.

2. The following items are recommended or, in some cases, may be required:

Tetanus Immunization within 10 years – All individuals having regular contact with animals or if a tetanus-prone injury occurs when more than 5 years have elapsed since the last immunization.

Rabies Immunization/titer within 2 years – All individuals in contact with unvaccinated carnivores, bats, or are subjected to a rabies risk.

Respirator Fit Testing – All individuals working with respiratory hazards that require use of a respirator (supervisor should contact Environmental Health and Safety for guidance and assessment) and individuals who may need to wear a respirator as determined by a physician (individuals with animal, hay, dust, etc. allergies).

Hearing Conservation Program – Individuals who may be subjected to noise exposure exceeding 85 decibels on a regular basis (communication within 2 feet requires shouting) must contact Environmental Health and Safety for sound level evaluation.

3. Individuals who are immunocompromised (due to treatment of certain diseases such as cancer, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, asthma, chronic viral illness, or as a result of splenectomy) may have special safety needs. These persons should discuss their condition with the University Health Center physician or their personal physician.

4. Female Personnel: Pregnant women involved in the animal care and use program may need to take special precautions during pregnancy because of risks associated with animals, biohazardous materials, radiation, or chemical agents. Pregnant women should provide a release from their personal physician to the University Health Center.

5. Medical information entered on the Medical Health Questionnaire will be considered confidential and used only for the purposes of this Occupational Health and Safety Program.

Medical Health Questionnaire

The completed form is confidential and must be submitted directly to the University Health Center for evaluation by a physician. If the physician feels that an office visit is necessary, the individual will be contacted to schedule an appointment. Individuals will receive notification of the recommended services based on the physicians risk assessment. Individuals will be referred to one of the University Health Centers or an appropriate health care provider to obtain these services (the fee for these services is covered by the institution). The signed University Health Center notification will be sent to the Compliance Director who will inform the IACUC Chair when the recommended procedures have been completed or when the individual has signed a waiver declining participation in the recommended procedures. Individuals become eligible to begin animal related activities only after these steps have been completed.