

**SEATTLE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH INSTITUTE
OPERATING POLICIES / PROCEDURES**

DEPARTMENT: Institutional Animal Care and Use
Committee
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TITLE: RODENT QUARANTINE

SUMMARY:

Rodent quarantine is designed to protect the health and pathogen-free status of all research animals housed in Building 1. Rodents purchased or obtained from non-approved¹ vendors or other research institutions are subject to mandatory quarantine. This mandatory quarantine period is required regardless of any animal health screening information that may be provided by the transferring institution.

DEFINITION:

Quarantine: The separation of newly received animals, from those already in the facility, until their health status has been determined.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

039-1 The mandatory quarantine period is, at minimum, 7 days.

039-2 If changes in health status are noted during this time, sentinel animals will be identified and the suspect arrivals placed on an 8 week, no contact (39.5), extended quarantine period.

039-3 At the end of the quarantine (39.2), sentinel animals are submitted to Research Animal Diagnostic Laboratory (RADIL) University of Missouri for serology, parasitology, bacteriology, and pathology testing. All costs associated with the shipment and testing are the responsibility of the researcher.

039-4 Release to an assigned holding room occurs only when the health status is determined to be equal to that of the standard as determined for Building 1 (contact the Office of Animal Care [OAC] for detail of tests).

039-5 Research personnel may access quarantine housing rooms only if prior arrangements have been made with the OAC.

References

¹Approved Rodent Vendors: 1) [The Jackson Laboratory](#), 2) [Charles River Laboratories](#), 3) [Taconic](#), 4) [Harlan Sprague Dawley](#), 5) [Simonsen Laboratories](#) .

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