

The Division of Animal Resources worked with Safety and Risk Management and Planning and Design to develop a pre-approved plan for activities occurring in DAR spaces. The [DAR Occupancies - Facilities Use/Rule Description](#) document outlines the maximum capacity for each room and describes acceptable PPE for those activities. Individuals wishing to utilize DAR's spaces for animal surgeries or procedures can follow this plan without obtaining any further approvals.

Individuals wishing to utilize DAR's spaces for animal surgeries or procedures that **cannot** follow the DAR approved plan must submit a [Request for Exceptions to DAR Space Requirements](#) form to VCU's Public Health Response Team for approval. The completed form should be submitted to our attending veterinarian, Dr. Mark Bates (mcbates@vcu.edu), for initial review. Dr. Bates will forward approved forms for additional review and required signatures. Following approval from the PHRT, the form will be distributed to the PI, PI chair, and DAR.

Contact Safety and Risk Management (srm@vcu.edu) if you need further assistance on PPE that will be utilized to mitigate risk.

Contact Robert Nelms (rneilms@vcu.edu) or Amanda Richardson (acrichardson@vcu.edu) if you need further assistance to complete the form (Request for Exceptions to DAR Space Requirements).

Should you have any other questions or concerns, please email to IACUC@VCU.EDU.