Purpose of Policy: This policy is intended to keep all vivaria as free from microbial disease as possible by controlling or eliminating pathogens that may adversely affect scientific studies and the health and well-being of research animals, staff and research personnel.

Policy Information: The Public Health Service’s *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* states that “Appropriate procedures should be in place for disease surveillance and diagnosis.”

To prevent, eradicate, or manage infectious disease, the following policies will be in effect:

- All laboratory animals must be procured through Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee-approved suppliers. Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Attending Veterinarian prior to their procurement.
- A sentinel program must be maintained for rodent species belonging to the genus *Rattus* or *Mus*.
- Procedure areas must be disinfected after each use.
- Movement of personnel, cages or animals between facilities or between rooms within a facility must occur in such a manner as to prevent spread of disease.
- Personal protective equipment (PPE) must be appropriate for the animal species, facility, and disease status within the facility.
- All nonstandard feed, bedding, housing, and environmental enrichment must be approved in the animal care and use protocol.
- Additional actions will be implemented as necessary to ensure successful research outcomes and the well-being of laboratory animals, staff and research personnel.

Failure to follow these policies may result in disciplinary actions by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.