TTUHSC Health Surveillance Program

Laboratory Animal Resource Centers

I. GUIDELINES

Health surveillance guidelines are designed to protect both people and the laboratory animals, and are based on the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (NRC 1996); Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 5th Edition (2008), and other relevant published information.

II. COVERED INDIVIDUALS

Covered Individuals include those who work in the Laboratory Animal Resource Centers (LARC) on any campus who have contact with laboratory animals or animal tissues, fluids or wastes or animal living quarters on a regular basis. (See Employee Health Program for Personnel with Laboratory Animal Contact: LARC Policy No. POLARCOO4-02)

III. COSTS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COVERED INDIVIDUALS

Screenings and Immunizations: Costs for screenings and immunizations will be borne by the Laboratory Animal Occupational Health Program.

Exposure Investigation and Management: Costs for exposure management will be borne by Laboratory Animal Occupational Health Program

Annual FLU vaccine: The cost will be borne by the individual. The vaccine will be available at the TTUHSC pharmacy and billed through the individuals insurance provider.

IV. Laboratory Animal Occupational Health Program Responsibility

a) History and Evaluation

All Covered Individuals must read the Employee Health Program for Personnel with Laboratory Animal Contact Handbook. “A Risk Assessment For Animal Contact: Health Questionnaire” shall be completed by Level 1 participants as stipulated on the “Request for Laboratory Animal Resources Center Access Form” (FMLARC1016) and submitted to the Health Surveillance Unit with responsibility for LARC to be reviewed.

b) Administer Immunization and or blood work

Recommended screening and immunizations are specified in LARC Policy POLARC004-02, Risk Assessment for Animal Contact (FMLAR1016), available from the LARC Program Office at 806-743-2565.