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## **Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) Policy on Shared Use of Biosafety Level 2 Facilities**

- 1.0 Purpose:** The purpose of this Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) policy is to define recommendations for researchers who conduct activities under Biosafety Level 1 (BSL-1) containment, were assigned to work in a multi-room laboratory or animal suite where work is conducted by others under Biosafety Level 2 (BSL-2) containment.
- 2.0 Scope:** This policy applies to all University of Wisconsin-Madison Principle Investigators (PI's) who conduct activities under BSL-1 containment and have been assigned to work in a multi-room laboratory or animal suite where work is conducted by others under BSL-2 containment [i.e., UW-Madison, Wisconsin Institutes for Medical Research (WIMR) facility].
- 3.0 Related Documents/Resources**
- UW-Madison, Office of Biological Safety - Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) Handbook.
  - UW-Madison, Office of Biological Safety - Biohazard Recognition and Control (BRC) Handbook.
  - UW-Madison Environment Health and Safety (EH&S) Laboratory Safety Guide.
  - U.S Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health (NIH) - NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules, Sept. 2009.
  - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) - Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL), Fifth Edition.
- 4.0 Definitions:** Not Applicable.
- 5.0 Roles and Responsibilities:** Not Applicable.
- 6.0 Policy:** This policy statement was adopted to address situations where researchers who conduct activities under BSL-1 containment were assigned to work in a multi-room laboratory or animal suite where work is conducted by others under BSL-2 containment.

The IBC requires that all researchers who utilize multi-room laboratories or animal suites where both BSL-1 and BSL-2 activities are performed must comply with BSL-2 procedures as described in the 5th and later editions of Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additionally, appropriate signage indicating the BSL-2 level must be clearly posted on all doors of the research or animal care suite of rooms and indicating that entrance to the research or animal care suite is restricted to "Authorized Personnel Only". Biosafety signs listing the agent(s) and the responsible Principal Investigators must be posted in a common area within the suite

of rooms. Biosafety manuals and protocols should be available in a common location for all users of the research suite. All workers within the suite should be informed of the risks associated with the infectious agents or hazardous materials that are used. It is expected that the Principal Investigators who are assigned to a multi-room laboratory or animal suite will work together co-operatively to insure the safety of all workers, including custodial and animal care staff.

## 7.0 Document Revision:

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