

WCUPA USDA Contingency Plan

Probable emergency situations (including, but not limited to):

- Housing fluctuations outside the acceptable temperature and/or humidity ranges
- Building emergency (fire, flooding, power outage)
- Severe weather (may lead to any situations listed above)

If an emergency situation is suspected, the affected PI needs to be contacted via phone and email immediately:

- Breit Lab in Wayne Hall: Dr. Kristen R. Breit (610-436-3523; KBreit@wcupa.edu)
- Sweet Lab in Merion Science Center: Dr. Eric Sweet (610-436-2249; ESweet@wcupa.edu)
- Gestl Lab in Merion Science Center: Dr. Erin Gestl (610-436-2760; EGestl@wcupa.edu)

If actively contacted, each PI will contact all further necessary personnel for their space

If the affected PI cannot be actively reached, please email the PI and additionally call the following personnel in the order below:

1. IACUC Chair: Dr. Kristen R. Breit (610-436-3523; KBreit@wcupa.edu)
2. Facilities Director: Dustin Zappone (office: 610-436-2652, cell: 610-420-6490)
3. Applicable Graduate Assistants and/or Staff:
 - a. Breit Lab: Carley Cirafesi (cell: 484-213-4346)
 - b. Sweet Lab: Carley Cirafesi (cell: 484-213-4346)
 - c. Gestl Lab: TBD
4. Interim CSM Dean: Dr. Lisa Marano (office: 610-436-3521)
5. Servicing Veterinarian: Dr. William Singleton (office: 484-684-7268, cell: 484-574-7455)

In any emergency situation, the following steps need to be taken:

1. Immediately stop ALL lab activities and return animal subjects to their home cages
 2. Ensure that all personnel within the lab space are accounted for
 3. Determine the severity of the emergency and proceed as appropriate for the scenario:
 - **For all situations, contact the PI ASAP when safe to do so**
- A. *If immediate evacuation is required in the building and it is not safe to move the animals at all:*
- i. Leave animal subjects in home cages
 - ii. Evacuate all personnel to the assigned outside area
 - iii. Euthanization of animal subjects should be considered once safe return to the lab space is granted (determined by the PI and Dr. Singleton)
- B. *If only the lab space is affected and it is safe to move the animals to another space within the same building:*
- i. Ensure animals have food, water, and filter lids on all cages
 - ii. Move cages either by cart or by hand to a different room in Wayne Hall or Merion Science Center
 - iii. Position cages safely within the temporary space
- C. *If all of the building is affected but it is safe to move the animals to a different building:*
- i. Ensure animals have food, water, and filter lids on all cages
 - ii. Contact a PI in a different building for instructions and access to their lab space for temporary housing
 - iii. Move cages either by cart or by hand
 - iv. Position cages safely where instructed