

CCM Hazard Information

CCM strives to provide a safe working environment; however, please be aware that you may encounter some potential risks in the facility. If you are pregnant or have any medical conditions (e.g., immunosuppression, allergies) that may be affected or aggravated by entering CCM facilities, it is requested that you consult your personal physician before entering.

1. Animal Hazards: Persons may have **allergic reactions** to animals housed within CCM facilities (including, but not limited to, cats, dogs, ferrets, gerbils, goats, guinea pigs, mice, non-human primates, rabbits, rats, squirrels, and swine). If you have known allergies to animals or are susceptible to environmental allergens, you must advise your guide. It is also advisable to discuss your risks with your personal physician before entering CCM facilities. If you experience minor symptoms, such as sneezing, coughing, watery/itchy eyes, nasal congestion, skin redness, itchiness of the skin or hives, please contact your physician. If you experience more severe symptoms such as severe cough, wheezing, chest tightness or shortness of breath, notify your guide immediately so that they can seek immediate medical attention by dialing 911 on the nearest phone. Animals housed in CCM facilities are NOT pets and should not be handled by visitors. Animals may inflict bites and/or scratches. If you are injured by an animal, notify your guide, and seek medical treatment.

2. Infectious Agents: Animals may carry infectious diseases or agents that are introduced by experimental procedures. When working in or visiting an animal area, it is best practice to consider all animals as a potential source of infectious material. It is important to wear the personal protective equipment provided, follow universal precautions in the safe handling of sharps and potentially infectious materials, and follow standard hygiene practices to prevent the potential transmission of disease.

3. Radiation Hazards:

a. Radioactive Material Hazards

Sealed and unsealed forms of radioactive materials are present in CCM facilities and are clearly identified with radiation warning signs and postings. Unescorted access to Radiation Work Areas is intended for authorized personnel and is granted upon successful completion of the radiation safety training and Radiation Worker Registration with Research Safety. Visitors may enter a Radiation Work Area ONLY if escorted by a registered/authorized Radiation Worker.

b. X-ray Radiation Hazards

X-ray machines are present in CCM facilities and are clearly identified with radiation warning signs and postings. Unescorted access to X-ray Radiation Areas is intended for authorized personnel and is granted upon successful completion of the radiation safety training and Radiation Worker Registration with Research Safety. Visitors may enter an X-ray Radiation Area ONLY if escorted by a registered/authorized Radiation Worker.

c. Laser Radiation Hazards

Class 3b and Class 4 laser products and systems are present in CCM facilities and are clearly identified with laser radiation warning signs and postings. Unescorted access to Laser Controlled Areas is intended for authorized personnel and is granted upon successful completion of the laser safety training and Laser Operator Registration with Research Safety. Visitors may enter a Laser Controlled Area ONLY if escorted by a registered/authorized Laser Operator.

4. Physical Hazards: There are physical hazards located throughout CCM facilities. These include wet/slick floors, loud noises, burn hazards (cage/rack washers, autoclaves), pinch/crush hazards (closing doors, heavy carts/caging, mechanical equipment) and hazards associated with the use of compressed gases. There are also potential sharps hazards such as injection needles, glass bottles, and surgical instruments. Please be aware that while latex-free gloves are provided throughout the facility, some latex gloves and other items containing latex may be present in the facility. If you have known allergies to latex, please take appropriate precautions. Persons who have balance or visual problems that affect depth of field judgment should consult their personal physician before entering CCM facilities.

5. Chemical Hazards: There are chemicals that are routinely used throughout CCM facilities that could be potentially hazardous. These chemicals include pharmaceuticals, anesthetics, disinfectants, and acid and alkaline detergents. Persons with known sensitivities to these agents should seek counseling from their personal physician before entering CCM facilities.

I am at least eighteen (18) year of age and have read the information provided and understand the risks associated with entering CCM facilities. If I have any questions, I will contact the Center for Comparative Medicine at 312-503-2758.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Note: Visitors under eighteen (18) years of age must have this form signed by their parent or guardian.

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this Visitor/Volunteer have read the information provided and understand the risks associated with entering CCM facilities.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date