

UGA University Research Animal Resources (URAR) and Researcher Pandemic Service Reduction Plan

Threat level	Triggers	URAR Plan	Researcher Plan
Yellow	UGA declaration of halt on research OR URAR Staffing at <u>approximately 70%</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancel all in-person training classes and facility tours (no new vivarium access requests processed) • No rodent technical services provided • No animal orders, imports, or exports processed, and no animal transports among facilities. <i>Exceptions may be permitted with permission by the VP for Research. Research involving the current pandemic will be prioritized.</i> • Current orders, transfers, imports and exports may be reviewed and subject to cancellation. Research personnel requesting the service will be notified of cancellation. • Decrease frequency of rodent IVC cage changes (from every 2 to every 3 weeks) • All personnel begin conserving Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other critical supplies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay nonessential studies or those requiring intense monitoring (e.g., surgery, infection) • Cull animals not needed and begin breeding solely to maintain valuable colonies. • Flag most valuable rat and mouse cages (e.g., breeders of unique strains, active experimental) as "VIP". <i>See area supervisor to receive URAR "VIP" cards and instructions</i> • Volunteer to URAR Director if PI or her/his lab is able to contribute personnel to husbandry of PI's colonies and a schedule will be developed prior to collaborative care implementation. • Cryopreserve irreplaceable rodent lines (e.g., sperm, embryos), if possible. • All personnel begin conserving Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other critical supplies

Orange	URAR Staffing at $\leq 50\%$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No animal transfers • Census may not be taken. All billing discrepancies will be handled after the pandemic situation is considered no longer a threat by the CDC. • Decrease frequency of rodent IVC cage changes (from every 3 to every 4 weeks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique, <u>non-commercially</u> available stocks and strains, may be bred solely to maintain colonies. • Stop breeding <u>commercially available</u> stocks and strains including transgenic lines (separate breeding pairs). • Euthanize rodents requiring repeated treatment when research staff are unable to complete them
Red	URAR Staffing at $\leq 25\%$, or not able to procure feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No technical services for any species • Targeted euthanasia of mice and rats, for non-“VIP”, priority save, animals. • Decrease frequency of rodent IVC cage changes (from every 4 to every 6 weeks) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No breeding of any rodent strains, including transgenic lines. Males will be euthanized if not included in the “VIP”, priority save, cages. • Targeted euthanasia of mice and rats, for non-“VIP”, priority save, cages.
Black	URAR Staffing at $\leq 10\%$, or no feed supplies remaining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euthanize remaining animals, as outlined in the URAR disaster plan, following sentient animal order. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euthanize remaining animals as outlined in the URAR disaster plan, following sentient animal order.