



## Occupational Health and Safety Program Questionnaire for Personnel Working with Animals

The Occupational Health and Safety Program is a required part of the overall animal care and use program. UVM employees and students who work with animals must be offered occupational health monitoring services prior to working with animals. The goal of the Program is to maintain a safe and healthy workforce and is offered free of charge. Participation is simple and involves completion of this medical questionnaire every three years.

The UVM Department of Risk Management & Safety (RMS) has contracted with two outside Medical Facilities to review these questionnaires and provide occupational health monitoring services for employees. These facilities are: Champlain Medical (150 Kennedy Dr, South Burlington, VT 05403) and Concentra (57 Fayette Road, Unit 1, South Burlington, VT 05403). Eligible UVM students completing this questionnaire will have the questionnaire forwarded to the UVM Student Health Services (425 Pearl St, Burlington, VT 05401) for review.

The completed questionnaire is maintained only at the Medical Facility responsible for reviewing the form; RMS does not maintain a copy. **Employees** found to have risk factors that require further medical evaluation will be contacted by a member of RMS to schedule an appointment at the appropriate facility. **Students** will be contacted by the Student Health Services provider for clarification or further medical evaluation. An employee's supervisor may be contacted if repeated attempts to contact the employee regarding this questionnaire are unsuccessful.

### Completion Instructions:

All personnel must fill out Section 1. If you choose to participate in the Program, please fill out all applicable sections of this questionnaire. If you choose to decline participation, please skip to the last page and sign on the appropriate line.

### Submission Instructions:

**Option 1** - Scan the completed questionnaire into PDF and email it to [ohhealth@uvm.edu](mailto:ohhealth@uvm.edu) (We cannot guarantee confidentiality of the information submitted via email. However, only 2 staff members in RMS have access to this account and only will confirm the questionnaire is complete before forwarding to the appropriate medical facility.)

**Option 2** - Place completed questionnaire in a sealed envelope, legibly write your name and "CONFIDENTIAL-OCC HEALTH FORM". Forward the sealed envelope by campus mail to Risk Management at the address below:

**Amy Kutchukian**  
**Risk Management & Safety**  
**004 Rowell**  
**Burlington, VT 05405**

**You must sign the last page to accept or decline participation in the Occupational Health and Safety Program. You will be contacted by RMS staff if this is section is not complete.**

### Section 1: Personal Information – Required

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternative Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Campus Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
If a healthcare provider needs to contact you, when is the best time to call? \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
PI/Laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_ Protocol #: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you choose to participate in the Occupational Health Program, please fill out the remainder of the questionnaire. If you choose to decline participation, skip ahead to Page 8.**

**Section 2: Medical Background**

- 1. What is your country of origin? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. How many years did you reside there? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What is your height? \_\_\_\_\_ 4. What is your weight? \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3: Health History**

- 1. Has your health changed in any way since you completed the last Animal Handler questionnaire? Y\_\_N\_\_N/A\_\_  
If yes, how \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Do you now have or have you ever had any of the following:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| Y__N__ Diabetes   | Y__N__ Allergies to pollen, food, etc. |
| Y__N__ Seizure disorder   | Y__N__ Muscle or bone problems         |
| Y__N__ Skin rashes  | Y__N__ Repeated episodes of diarrhea   |
| Y__N__ Glove allergies/rashes   | Y__N__ Drug or alcohol dependency      |
| Y__N__ Diagnosis of latex allergy   | Y__N__ Have you ever had measles       |
| Y__N__ Hernia   | Y__N__ Measles vaccine                 |
| Y__N__ Problems with visual acuity/hearing ability                                      |  |
| Y__N__ Immune system suppression **If <b>yes</b> , the cause of the suppression was/is: |  |

- 3. For women: Are you currently pregnant or planning to be pregnant in the coming year? Y\_\_N\_\_

- 4. When was your last tetanus vaccination? \_\_\_\_\_

- 5. What was the date and result of your last TB test? \_\_\_\_\_

- 6. Do you have any current health problems **not** listed above that affect your work with animals? Y\_\_N\_\_

\*\*If "yes", please explain \_\_\_\_\_

- 7. Are you aware of the health risks associated with your job? Y\_\_N\_\_

- 8. Do you currently have any of the following vision problems?
  - a) Wear contact lenses Y\_\_N\_\_
  - b) Wear glasses Y\_\_N\_\_
  - c) Color blind Y\_\_N\_\_
  - d) Any other eye or vision problems Y\_\_N\_\_

- 9. Have you ever had an injury to your ears, including a broken ear drum? Y\_\_N\_\_

- 10. Do you currently have any of the following hearing problems?
  - a) Difficulty hearing Y\_\_N\_\_
  - b) Wear a hearing aid Y\_\_N\_\_
  - c) Any other hearing or ear problems Y\_\_N\_\_

- 11. Do you currently have any of the following musculoskeletal problems?
  - a) Weakness in any of your arms, hands, legs or feet Y\_\_N\_\_

- b) Back pain Y\_\_N\_\_
- c) Difficulty fully moving your arms and/or legs Y\_\_N\_\_
- d) Pain or stiffness when you lean forward or backward at the waist Y\_\_N\_\_
- e) Difficulty fully moving your head up or down Y\_\_N\_\_
- f) Difficulty fully moving your head side to side Y\_\_N\_\_
- g) Difficulty bending at your knees Y\_\_N\_\_
- h) Difficulty squatting to the ground Y\_\_N\_\_
- i) Climbing a flight of stairs or a ladder Y\_\_N\_\_

12. Do you work with patients? Y\_\_N\_\_
13. Do you currently smoke tobacco or have you smoked tobacco in the last month? Y\_\_N\_\_

**Section 4: Animal Contact History**

1. What animals will you be working with? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What chemicals, biohazards, pharmaceuticals or radioisotopes will you be working with?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you have a history of hay fever, asthma, allergic skin problems or eczema? Y\_\_N\_\_  
To what are you allergic? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is there a family history of hay fever, asthma, allergic skin problems or eczema? Y\_\_N\_\_
5. Have you been vaccinated against rabies? Y\_\_N\_\_  
If so, when was the last titer? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you worked with or had regular contact with primates? Y\_\_N\_\_  
If so, any old world primates? Y\_\_N\_\_
7. Do you have sneezing spells, runny or stuffy nose, watery or itchy eyes, coughing, wheezing or shortness of breath after working with laboratory animals or their cages Y\_\_N\_\_

If “yes”, which of the following species cause any of the problems?

- |            |        |         |        |
|------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Guinea pig | Y__N__ | Rabbit  | Y__N__ |
| Hamster    | Y__N__ | Goat    | Y__N__ |
| Dog        | Y__N__ | Horse   | Y__N__ |
| Cat        | Y__N__ | Sheep   | Y__N__ |
| Mouse      | Y__N__ | Bedding | Y__N__ |
| Rat        | Y__N__ | Other   | Y__N__ |

If “yes”, please describe symptoms: \_\_\_\_\_

8. In general, how frequently are you bothered by the following symptoms?
- |                      |                    |                         |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Watery, itchy eyes   | Not troubled _____ | Once/Week or more _____ | Almost daily _____ |
| Runny or stuffy nose | Not troubled _____ | Once/Week or more _____ | Almost daily _____ |
| Sneezing spells      | Not troubled _____ | Once/Week or more _____ | Almost daily _____ |
| Frequent cough       | Not troubled _____ | Once/Week or more _____ | Almost daily _____ |
| Wheezing in chest    | Not troubled _____ | Once/Week or more _____ | Almost daily _____ |
9. Do you have any house pets? Y\_\_ N\_\_  
If “yes”, what type of animals? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following only if you work with sheep, cows or goats. Otherwise skip to next section**

1. Have you ever worked with sheep, cows or goats before? Y\_\_N\_\_  
When? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. How frequently do you work with sheep, cows or goats?  
Daily\_\_ Once/week\_\_ Once/month\_\_
  
3. Do you directly handle birth products of sheep, cows or goats? Y\_\_N\_\_  
If yes, how frequently? \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. Do you live on a farm or work with animals at home? Y\_\_N\_\_  
If "yes", which animals? \_\_\_\_\_

**If you answered YES to questions 3, 7, or 8 in the Animal Contact History section, you MUST complete the remainder of the questionnaire. Otherwise, you may skip to the General Consent page.**

#### **Section 5: Respiratory Health**

1. Do you currently wear a respirator to perform any part of your job? Y\_\_N\_\_  
Check any/all that apply:  
Disposable\_\_ ½ Face\_\_  
Full Face\_\_ PAPR\_\_
  
2. Have you ever worn a respirator? Y\_\_N\_\_  
If "yes", what type(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. Have you ever had any of the following conditions?
  - a) Seizures (fits) Y\_\_N\_\_
  - b) Diabetes (sugar disease) Y\_\_N\_\_
  - c) Allergic reactions that interfere with your breathing Y\_\_N\_\_
  - d) Claustrophobia (fear of closed in places) Y\_\_N\_\_
  - e) Trouble smelling odors Y\_\_N\_\_
  
4. Have you ever had any of the following pulmonary or lung problems?
  - a) Asbestosis Y\_\_N\_\_
  - b) Asthma Y\_\_N\_\_
  - c) Chronic Bronchitis Y\_\_N\_\_
  - d) Emphysema Y\_\_N\_\_
  - e) Pneumonia Y\_\_N\_\_
  - f) Tuberculosis Y\_\_N\_\_
  - g) Silicosis Y\_\_N\_\_
  - h) Pneumothorax (collapsed lung) Y\_\_N\_\_
  - i) Lung cancer Y\_\_N\_\_
  - j) Broken ribs Y\_\_N\_\_
  - k) Any chest injuries or surgeries Y\_\_N\_\_
  - l) Any other lung problem that you've been told about Y\_\_N\_\_
  
5. Do you currently have any of the following symptoms of pulmonary or lung illness?

- a) Shortness of breath Y\_\_N\_\_
- b) Shortness of breath when walking fast on level ground or walking up a slight hill or incline Y\_\_N\_\_
- c) Shortness of breath when walking with other people at an ordinary pace on level ground Y\_\_N\_\_
- d) Have to stop for breath when walking at your own pace on level ground Y\_\_N\_\_
- e) Shortness of breath when washing or dressing yourself Y\_\_N\_\_
- f) Shortness of breath that interferes with your job Y\_\_N\_\_
- g) Coughing that produces phlegm (thick sputum) Y\_\_N\_\_
- h) Coughing that wakes you early in the morning Y\_\_N\_\_
- i) Coughing that occurs mostly when you are lying down Y\_\_N\_\_
- j) Coughing up blood in the mouth Y\_\_N\_\_
- k) Wheezing Y\_\_N\_\_
- l) Wheezing that interferes with your job Y\_\_N\_\_
- m) Chest pain when you breathe deeply Y\_\_N\_\_
- n) Any other symptoms that you think may be related to lung problems Y\_\_N\_\_
6. Have you ever had any of the following cardiovascular or heart problems?
- a) Heart attack Y\_\_N\_\_
- b) Stroke Y\_\_N\_\_
- c) Angina Y\_\_N\_\_
- d) Heart failure Y\_\_N\_\_
- e) Swelling in your legs or feet (not caused by walking) Y\_\_N\_\_
- f) Heart arrhythmia (heart beating irregularly) Y\_\_N\_\_
- g) High blood pressure Y\_\_N\_\_
- h) Any other heart problem that you've been told about Y\_\_N\_\_
- If "yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you ever had any of the following cardiovascular or heart symptoms?
- a) Frequent pain or tightness in your chest Y\_\_N\_\_
- b) Pain or tightness in your chest during physical activity Y\_\_N\_\_
- c) Pain or tightness in your chest that interferes with your job Y\_\_N\_\_
- d) In the past two years, have you noticed your heart skipping or missing a beat Y\_\_N\_\_
- e) Heartburn or indigestion that is not related to eating Y\_\_N\_\_
- f) Any other symptoms that you think may be related to heart or circulation problems Y\_\_N\_\_
- If "yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you currently take medication for any of the following problems?
- a) Breathing or lung problems Y\_\_N\_\_
- b) Heart trouble Y\_\_N\_\_
- c) Blood pressure Y\_\_N\_\_
- d) Seizures (fits) Y\_\_N\_\_
9. If you've used a respirator, have you ever had any of the following problems?
- a) Never used a respirator\_\_\_\_\_skip to next question
- b) Eye irritation Y\_\_N\_\_
- c) Skin allergies or rashes Y\_\_N\_\_
- d) Anxiety Y\_\_N\_\_
- e) General weakness or fatigue Y\_\_N\_\_
- f) Any other problem that interferes with your use of a respirator Y\_\_N\_\_
- If "yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you have any muscle or skeletal problem that interferes with using a respirator? Y\_\_N\_\_
11. Would you like to talk to the health care professional who will review this questionnaire? Y\_\_N\_\_

- a) Have to stop for breath when walking at your own pace on level ground Y\_\_N\_\_
- b) Shortness of breath when washing or dressing yourself Y\_\_N\_\_
- c) Shortness of breath that interferes with your job Y\_\_N\_\_
- d) Coughing that produces phlegm (thick sputum) Y\_\_N\_\_
- e) Coughing that wakes you early in the morning Y\_\_N\_\_
- f) Coughing that occurs mostly when you are lying down Y\_\_N\_\_
- g) Coughing up blood in the mouth Y\_\_N\_\_
- h) Wheezing Y\_\_N\_\_
- i) Wheezing that interferes with your job Y\_\_N\_\_
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- If "yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
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- b) Pain or tightness in your chest during physical activity Y\_\_N\_\_
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- e) Heartburn or indigestion that is not related to eating Y\_\_N\_\_
- f) Any other symptoms that you think may be related to heart or circulation problems Y\_\_N\_\_
- If "yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Do you currently take medication for any of the following problems?
- a) Breathing or lung problems Y\_\_N\_\_
- b) Heart trouble Y\_\_N\_\_
- c) Blood pressure Y\_\_N\_\_
- d) Seizures (fits) Y\_\_N\_\_
15. If you've used a respirator, have you ever had any of the following problems?
- a) Never used a respirator \_\_\_\_\_ skip to next question
- b) Eye irritation Y\_\_N\_\_
- c) Skin allergies or rashes Y\_\_N\_\_
- d) Anxiety Y\_\_N\_\_
- e) General weakness or fatigue Y\_\_N\_\_
- f) Any other problem that interferes with your use of a respirator Y\_\_N\_\_
- If "yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_
16. Do you have any muscle or skeletal problem that interferes with using a respirator? Y\_\_N\_\_
17. Would you like to talk to the health care professional who will review this questionnaire? Y\_\_N\_\_

**12 to 17 below must be answered by every employee who has been selected to use either a full-face piece respirator or a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). For employees who have been selected to use other types of respirators, answering these questions is voluntary.**

18. Have you ever lost vision in either eye (temporarily or permanently)? Y\_\_N\_\_

19. Do you currently have any of the following vision problems?

a) Wear contact lenses Y\_\_N\_\_

b) Wear glasses Y\_\_N\_\_

c) Color blind Y\_\_N\_\_

d) Any other eye or vision problem Y\_\_N\_\_

If "yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Have you ever had an injury to your ears, including broken eardrum? Y\_\_N\_\_

21. Do you currently have any of the following hearing problems?

a) Difficulty hearing Y\_\_N\_\_

b) Wear a hearing aid Y\_\_N\_\_

c) Any other hearing or ear problem Y\_\_N\_\_

If "yes", please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

22. Have you ever had a back injury? Y\_\_N\_\_

23. Do you currently have any of the following musculoskeletal problems?

a) Weakness in any of your arms, hands, legs or feet Y\_\_N\_\_

b) Back pain Y\_\_N\_\_

c) Difficulty fully moving your arms and/or legs Y\_\_N\_\_

d) Pain or stiffness when you lean forward or backward at the waist Y\_\_N\_\_

e) Difficulty fully moving your head up or down Y\_\_N\_\_

f) Difficulty fully moving your head side to side Y\_\_N\_\_

g) Difficulty bending at your knees Y\_\_N\_\_

h) Difficulty squatting to the ground Y\_\_N\_\_

i) Climbing a flight of stairs or a ladder carrying more than 25 lbs Y\_\_N\_\_

j) Any other muscle or skeletal problems that interfere with using a respirator Y\_\_N\_\_



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General Consent for Review and Release of Medical Information

I certify that the above statements are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I consent to review of this information by Champlain Medical, Concentra, or Student Health Services on behalf of the University of Vermont. I understand that this review is undertaken for my safety in the job environment and understand that I may be further contacted by Champlain Medical, Concentra, Student Health Services or a member of Risk Management & Safety either for clarifications or further evaluation. Further evaluation may include, but is not limited to, a physical examination, blood tests, an evaluation of lung function and other diagnostic tests as necessary. Costs for evaluation and testing will be covered by the University of Vermont.

Please sign on ONE of the lines below to either accept or decline participation in the Occupational Health and Safety program. \*\*Please do not sign both areas\*\*

To ACCEPT participation in the Occupational Health and Safety program, please sign below:

I further understand that this information and the results of subsequent tests/treatments that relate to my job and the performance of essential job functions or to student research activities may be released to my Supervisor.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

-- OR --

To DECLINE participation in the Occupational Health and Safety program, please sign below:

I understand that if I decline participation in the Occupational Health and Safety Program, my employment status or student research status might change to meet acceptable safety and wellbeing standards.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Champlain Medical/Concentra/UVM Student Health Services Use Only:

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Medically Cleared \_\_\_\_\_ Not Medically Cleared \_\_\_\_\_