



Request to Continue Critical Research or Maintain Critical Research Supplies at Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute

To be granted an exemption to the University of British Columbia (UBC) and Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute (VCHRI) decision to curtail all research activity at VCHRI, justifications for the exemption, with the pre-approval of the relevant Centre Director/ Department Head, must be provided to the Vice-President Research, VCH. This exemption covers all VCH research sites including VGH, UBC Hospital, Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health, GF Strong, Coastal, Richmond and Vancouver Community.

Please complete and submit this Exemption Request Form to <u>research@vch.ca</u>. Decision and response will be sent to the principal investigator with copy to the Centre Director/ Department Head. Completion of this Exemption Request Form is not required for clinical trials and REB-approved clinical research that is covered by VCHRI guideline: <u>https://www.vchri.ca/covid-19-information-and-faqs</u>

The following criteria will be considered in the decision to grant the exemption:

- The nature of the project:
 - Does it involve COVID-19 research?
 - Does it involve maintaining critical research material* that cannot otherwise be preserved (e.g. cells lines, tissue samples
 - Is this long-running research that is at a critical stage or close to an end-point.
- Is the exemption being requested to allow you to take simple steps to sustain a collection, such as topping up liquid nitrogen stocks or moving samples into a more sustainable storage container?
- Will the number of people required to do the work be able to respect social distancing protocols?

Name of Research Facility	
Name of Principal Investigator	
Centre/ Department/ Faculty	
Building Location	
Email	
Primary Phone Number	
Project Title	
Personnel who will access the research facility	Personnel #1: Mobile Phone Number: Faculty member Graduate student Post-doctoral Fellow Staff
	Required access: hours/day days/week
	Personnel #2:





	Mobile Phone Number:				
	Faculty member	Graduate st	udent		
	Post-doctoral Fello	w 🗆 Staff			
	Required access: hours	s/day	days/week		
	Describe safety plan such as - keeping safe distance - hand washing proced - other safety measure If only one person will be acc ensuring that person's safety	es lure relevant to the researc essing the facility, pleas			
Require access to	In consideration of the risks to experimentation can only be				
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	Approve ACC Protocol Number:				
	Animal Facilities				
	□ Jack Bell Research Centre				
	I Jack Bell Research – Containment Unit				
	□ Jack Bell Research – Barrier				
	□ Jack Bell Research – Modified Organism Facility (MOF)				
	 For JBRC clarification please contact: Stephanie Smith (stephanie.smith@vch.ca) or Kate Orchard (kate.orchard@cvh.ca) 				
	□ Animal Resource Unit (ARU)				
	For ARU clarification please contact: Julian Kaye or Peter Cheng				
	(aru.info@ubc.ca) or 604-822-7597				
	□ ICORD/Blusson Spinal Cord Centre				
	FOR ICORD clarification please contact: Lowell McPhail (mcphail@icord.org) or Yuan Jiang (yjiang@icord.org)				
	□ Alternate Housing (specify):				
	*Note the Facility Manager ha without a completed Exemption		site entry to anyone		
Compliance Certificates on File	🗆 Human 🗌	Animal	∃ Biosafety		





	 □ Radiation Safety □ Chemical Safety □ None □ Other (describe in detail): 					
Do you require any of the following supplies to conduct this research?	 Personal Protective Equipment Gases Liquid nitrogen 					
Will this research generate any waste that will require special handling to dispose of safely?						
How long do you require this exemption for?	 Weeks: (please include hours/day and/or per week Continually required 					
The requested exemption relates to: Research <u>directly related</u> to COVID-19 Maintaining critical research material* Maintaining a breeding colony as an alternative to cryopreservation of precious strains that can't be obtained commercially or from other sources at a future date Topping up research storage (e.g. with liquid nitrogen) Other Provide rationale:						
*A critical research material is one that could not be replaced through others means. Approvals:						
Centre Director or Department Head		Vice-President Resear	ch, VCH			
Decision: Approved Declined						
Notes:						

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