

Visitors in Science V

A visitor is anyone who has not fulfilled the training and OH&S program enrollment requirements to obtain card access to Science V. Frequent visitors who plan to return to Science V should enroll in the OH&S program.

Binghamton University is committed to excellence in care and use of laboratory animals and in protecting the health and safety of personnel in research areas. By submitting this form to the LAR office, the individual named as visitor, or guardian of a minor visitor, has understood and accepted responsibility for the risks described and agrees to abide by the policies stated. Optionally, visitors may fill out a "Visitor Health Questionnaire" to be reviewed by a healthcare professional for a potential health consultation prior to visiting Science V (S V). This process may take several days to a week to complete. Health questionnaires are available in the LAR office or at: <http://binghamton.edu/research/compliance/lar/index.html>

SV is a restricted access facility designed with multiple layers of security and the minimization of hazards. Unless specifically stated on a door, infectious agents are not used in S V. Our research animals are regularly tested for disease and meet stringent health criteria. Only trained personnel are permitted to have close contact with the animals. Therefore, contracting an infection from a research animal is unlikely.

However, proteins that can cause allergic reactions in people from animal dander and waste are present in the environment. Reactions include, but are not limited to: sneezing, coughing, irritated eyes, and skin rashes. People with allergies and asthma are more likely to develop these symptoms or more serious reactions such as wheezing, shortness of breath, or a potentially life-threatening reaction. Personal protective equipment including lab coats, face masks, gloves and shoe covers are available for use upon request to minimize individual exposure.

Visitors may not record images or audio in S V unless prior authorization is obtained from the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee. Contact 607-777-3836 for more information.

Visitors will be escorted by Principal Investigators with approved protocols, or their designee, or LAR staff.

Research sensitive to noise and odors is conducted in S V; please be quiet and mindful that strong scents such as perfumes and smoke influence research.

Visitor Name _____

Visitor Signature (or signature of guardian if visitor is a minor)

Date _____ Date(s) of Visit _____

Purpose of Visit _____

Escort Name _____