

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO
ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY/BIOSAFETY
YELLOW FEVER IMMUNIZATION POLICY FOR THE RESEARCH
LABORATORY SETTING**

Policy

The University of California San Francisco requires that every laboratory worker and LARC employee working with or exposed to yellow fever virus 17D (Vaccine Strain) in the laboratory to be vaccinated for yellow fever virus or sign a declination form. Such staff will also be provided with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Recommendations of the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee (ACIP) to the Yellow Fever Vaccine.

Scope

This policy applies to the following groups of laboratory workers:

1. All laboratory members working in laboratories where yellow fever virus 17D (Vaccine Strain) is studied.
2. Staff who do not directly work with yellow fever virus, but may have exposure because they share laboratory space where yellow fever virus is studied.
3. LARC employees who have exposure to animals or animal waste from the laboratories working with yellow fever virus.

Exemption

Non-laboratory staff including but not limited to EH&S staff, facilities staff, custodial workers and visitors are exempt from this policy. These individuals will only be permitted into the laboratory when escorted by the Principal Investigator (PI) or his/her representative. Where vaccination is required, all agents must not be in active use when non-laboratory personnel are in the laboratory.

Responsibilities

1. It is the responsibility of each laboratory member or LARC employee to read the CDC recommendations prior to beginning work.
2. It is the responsibility of such staff to provide evidence of yellow fever immunization or to provide the Public Health Office with a sign declination statement.
3. It is the responsibility of the PI to ensure that all laboratory workers are informed of the required yellow fever immunization requirements and that these requirements are fulfilled prior to beginning work in the laboratory.

4. It is the responsibility of the LARC manager to ensure that all LARC staff with exposure to the yellow fever laboratory are informed of the required yellow fever immunization requirements and that these requirements are fulfilled prior to beginning work.
5. In the event that an employee does not understand the written CDC recommendations, it is the responsibility of the PI or LARC manager to contact the Public Health Officer to arrange an in-person training session to review the recommendations in-person.
6. It is the responsibility of the Public Health Officer to ensure that each individual has complied with the UCSF Yellow Fever Vaccination Policy requirements and has completed and submitted to Occupational Health Services (OHS) one of the following:
 - a. Official documentation of previous yellow fever vaccination
 - b. Official documentation of recent yellow fever vaccine from the San Francisco Department of Health or the UCSF Student Health Service
 - c. A signed yellow fever immunization declination form

Obtaining the Yellow Fever Vaccination

The process for obtaining yellow fever immunization is as follows:

1. The Principal Investigator or LARC manager completes and forwards a UCSF OHS Request for Service form on behalf of the employee to the Public Health Office indicating the intent to seek the Yellow Fever Immunization.
2. The Public Health Officer will provide the employee the contact information for care providers where yellow fever immunization can be obtained. The current sites include the following:

San Francisco Department of Public Health
Phone: 415-554-2625
<http://sfcdcp.org/index.cfm?id=130>

3. An official yellow fever immunization receipt or the yellow fever declination form must be submitted to UCSF OHS and the Public Health Office.

UCSF Occupational Health Services
Phone: 415-885-7580
Fax: 415-514-5614
Box: 1661
<http://www.occupationalhealthprogram.ucsf.edu/>

Public Health Office
Phone: 415-514-3531
Fax: 415-476-0581
Box: 0942
<http://ehs.ucsf.edu/public-health>

Compliance Monitoring

1. Compliance with the UCSF Yellow Fever Vaccination Policy will be monitored annually by the Public Health Officer.
2. An annual compliance report will be submitted to the Institutional Biosafety Committee, IACUC and Occupational Health Steering Committee.
3. Any personnel who fail to comply with the above yellow fever immunization requirements may have their laboratory privileges suspended or withdrawn by the Biosafety Committee.

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**YELLOW FEVER VIRUS EXPOSURE PROTOCOL
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YELLOW FEVER VACCINE DECLINATION FORM

Vaccination of laboratory workers who are potentially exposed to yellow fever virus has been shown to reduce the chances of having laboratory acquired yellow fever infection.

I understand that yellow fever immunization is recommended for all laboratory workers who may be exposed to the yellow fever virus, and I have been offered the vaccination through the San Francisco Department of Public Health at no cost to myself. I certify that I have carefully reviewed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Recommendations of the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee (ACIP) Yellow Fever Vaccine and I am aware of the risks and benefits of immunization.

However, I chose to decline immunization at this time for one of the following reasons:

- *I have medical contraindications to immunization.*
- *I have carefully evaluated risks/benefits and choose to decline immunization.*

If I decline for personal reasons and change my mind, I can receive a free vaccination as long as the vaccination remains available.

Print Name

Date of Birth

Lab

Signature

Date