UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO
ENVIRONMENTAL 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 be vaccinated for yellow fever virus or sign a declination form. Such staff will be provided with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Recommendations of the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee (ACIP) 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 17 D (Vaccine Strain) is studied.
2. Staffs who do not directly work with yellow fever virus but may have exposure because they share the same 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 sign the CDC recommendations prior to beginning work. By signing the recommendations, the member of staff acknowledges that they have read and understood the information.

2. It is the responsibility of such staff to provide evidence of yellow fever immunization or to provide UCSF Occupational Health Services (OHS) with a declination statement.

3. It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator’s (PI) to maintain signed copies of the CDC guidelines acknowledgement form from each laboratory member.
4. 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.

5. It is the responsibility of the LARC manager to maintain signed copies of the CDC guidelines acknowledgement form for each LARC employee.

6. In the event that a LARC employee does not understand the written CDC recommendations, it is the responsibility of the LARC manager to contact the Public Health Officer to arrange an in-person training session in which the CDC recommendations will be explained.

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   Phone: 415-514-3531

7. It is the responsibility of the LARC manager to ensure that all LARC staffs 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.

8. 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 OHS one of the following:

   a. Provided official documentation of previous yellow fever vaccination
   b. Provided official documentation of recent yellow fever vaccine from the San Francisco Department of Health or the UCSF Student Health Service
   c. Submitted 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 request for service form to UCSF Occupational Health Services.

2. The individual contacts UCSF Occupational Health Services after the request for service form is submitted. The individual identifies the intent to seek Yellow Fever Immunization.

3. The UCSF OHS will provide the contact information for care providers where yellow fever immunization can be obtained. The current sites include the following:
4. An official yellow fever immunization receipt or the yellow fever declination form must be submitted to UCSF OHS.

UCSF Occupational Health Services
Phone 415-885-7580
Fax: 415-771-4472
Box 1661
http://www.occupationalhealthprogram.ucsf.edu/

**Compliance Monitoring**

1. Compliance with the UCSF Yellow Fever Vaccination Policy will be monitored semi-annually by the Public Health Officer.

2. A compliance report will be submitted to the 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 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 ___________________________