

## **UMKC IACUC POLICY**

### **Animal Transportation**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Policy is to define the standards for transportation of animals.

#### **Policy**

All animals will be transported in a manner that applies to requirements set by the USDA and guidelines in the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* and follow the SOPs of the LARC "**LARC-03 - Animal Transportation**".

#### **Applicable To:**

All UMKC faculty, staff, employees, and students involved in the care or use of animals owned by the UMKC.

#### **Procedures:**

##### **For transport within UMKC:**

1. Animals will be transported in cages/containers that provide adequate space to allow animals to exhibit movement typical for the species.
2. Animals will be transported in secure cages/containers to prevent escape during transport.
3. Animals will be transported in cages/containers that will prevent injury to animals
4. Animals will not be exposed to environmental extremes during transport.
5. Cages/containers will be covered to reduce stress to the animal(s), prevent public exposure to animal allergens, and prevent exposure of the animals to public view.
6. In case of an accident during transport, the health and welfare of the animals should be assessed and if possible, proceed with them to their desired destination.
7. Loss or injury of animals during transport within UMKC facilities should be immediately reported to the LARC director and the attending veterinarian.
8. Animal transport by bus, taxi, bike, scooter, or any other mode of public transport or ride-sharing services is prohibited.
9. Personal vehicle usage for the transport of animals on campus is discouraged, as it presents a risk of contamination due to biosecurity, allergens, zoonotic disease, and an increased risk of animal loss or injury. If personal vehicular transport within UMKC is unavoidable investigators must specify a plan in the animal protocol form and be approved by the IACUC. UMKC is not responsible for damage to personal vehicles damaged during animal transport.

**For transport outside UMKC:**

Refer to SOP LARC-03.

**Revisions to the Policy:**

This policy is intended to be flexible and readily adaptable to changes in regulatory requirements. The UMKC IACUC has the authority to amend this policy.