

Dear Investigator housing mice in B- 9836 and B-9846

I hope that you have attended one of our three town hall meetings held over the past five weeks where we discussed the strategy to eradicate pinworms in the KMRB vivarium. Pinworms were found in mice from one room in each of two suites in Suite B-9836 and B-9846 in October. All mice in both of those suites have been treated with fenbendazole and cleared of the pinworms. We will be sanitizing all rooms in B-9846 and B-9836 the weeks of January 19 and January 26, respectively.

During the week of sanitation, we will be transferring six racks of mice out of each room to change mice to a new, autoclaved rack while we chemically sanitize the room. You will not have access to six racks of your mice for a 24 period that week. The procedure room will be closed Monday through Thursday. However, we will dedicate the biosafety cabinet in each animal room for experimental procedures, provide a CO2 euthanasia station in the suite vestibule and open up a new procedure room in B9832 off the main corridor for terminal procedures. We will be contacting you regarding opening any locked cabinets in the procedure rooms to sanitize or discard materials.

Suite Sanitation PLAN:

B9846- week of January 19, 2009

B9836-week of January 26, 2009

B9856- week of February 16, 2009

B9806-week of February 23, 2009

B9826-week of March 2, 2009

Our schedule for town hall meetings where we will provide a forum to exchange information and provide campus-wide Animal Resource updates is posted on our web site <http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/vivarium/>. The meetings will be held 2-2, 3-2, 4-6, 5-4, 6-1, 7-6 and 8-3-2009 from 1-2:30pm in K207. Please e-mail or call me if you would like to discuss the treatment and room sanitation strategy. Sincerely, Jeff

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