

## IACUC-approved Exceptions

### **9 CFR Part 3 Subpart D Nonhuman Primates 3.84 (b) Sanitation of primary enclosures and food and water receptacles**

The Emory Primate Center has an IACUC approved temporary exception for sanitization frequency of non-human primate (NHP) caging. The exemption approves the frequency of primary enclosure sanitization by cage wash to extend to up to every 12 weeks; this interval was determined based on the balance between animal welfare, the need to sustain colony operations to provide animals for scientific research and personnel availability. The EPC continues to perform daily hand cleaning of every NHP cage. To ensure continued animal welfare, all daily animal husbandry and cleaning practices (e.g. hand washing cages) will continue to occur daily or more often if necessary. Most caging will be sanitized in the cage washer, as scheduled or within 4 weeks, but we are requesting up to 12 weeks. This exemption is necessary to ensure animal welfare while achieving the research goals and ensure availability of personnel due to the continued nationwide impacts of the pandemic on labor shortages. To verify that animal welfare was not compromised, the EPC veterinarians reviewed data examining the clinical effect of an extended sanitization cycle on NHPs in caging and presented it to the IACUC. The IACUC reviews and approves this exception periodically. The data did not identify any clinical concerns with this cage wash cycle. Once EPC has been able to fill open staffing positions, they will no longer need this exemption. This exception applies to 600 *Macaca* spp.

### **9 CFR Part 2 Subpart C Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) - IACUC Review of Animal Activities 2.31(d)(1)(x)(C)**

On December 11, 2019 Emory University received an exception letter for permitting more than one survival surgery involving three Rhesus Macaques in order to conserve overall animal use. The letter states the following “The request for an exception is **approved from December 11, 2019 to July 17, 2022** as a Special Circumstance. These animals that underwent craniotomies under one study, will be used in a different study for which craniotomies are required, reducing the need to sacrifice additional animals to achieve the same purpose. The surgeries are to be performed under protocol #201900088 during the approval period. Emory University must reflect this exception on its Annual Reports for each year within the approval period as required under Title 9 Chapter 1 Subchapter A Section 2.36(b)(3).” All 3 animals were assigned, and the research completed by July 2020. This exception is no longer needed but being reported as required by USDA.