

## INITIAL MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to help protect you against possible illness that may be caused by working around animals, animal bedding or animal waste. In order to be useful, it is necessary that we review information about what you do in your work, as well as information about your general health status.

- **Completion of the questionnaire is a REQUIREMENT for your job**
  - To receive federal funds for research, the NIH requires an institution to provide an occupational health program to its employees who work with or around animals. In addition, MSU has elected to become accredited by AALAC which also requires such a program. The program requires MSU to assess the risk to each employee with animal contact.
  
- **The information you submit is CONFIDENTIAL, and will only be reviewed by health professionals within the University Physician's Office**
  - The health questions are related to 3 main health issues:
    - 1.) Respiratory allergies including asthma caused by working around animals.
    - 2.) Zoonotic diseases (infectious diseases from animals).
    - 3.) Immunosuppression, which may increase your risk of zoonotic diseases.
  
- **After reviewing the questionnaire, you will be notified of the results of the review**

We strongly recommend that you become familiar with the hazards associated with your job and use this information to minimize your risk of developing a work-related injury or illness.

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For information about the human health hazards of working with the specific animal species you are in contact with, please visit:

<http://safetyservices.ucdavis.edu/ps/occh/acuoHP/pem/educationalMaterials>.

Information about health and safety issues related to working with animals or on a farm is available at the National Ag Safety Database's website:

<http://nasdonline.org/browse/171/animals.html>.

- **Individuals who work with animals may be bitten or scratched by an animal. It is highly recommended that you have a tetanus vaccine every ten years.**

## INITIAL MEDICAL QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH ANIMAL CONTACT

Name:	
_____	_____
Last	First
_____	
Address:	
_____	_____
Street	City
_____	_____
State	Zip
Home Phone: (      )	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
ZPID or APID:	Date of Birth:
Department:	Job Title:
Phone number we can reach you at work:	Supervisor:
If a health care provider needs to reach you, what is the best time to call?	
What building(s) will you work in?	
Do or will you work with animals or work in rooms where animals are housed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If "yes", what kind of animals do you work with or come in contact with?	
Do or will you work with unfixed animal tissue?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, what animals and types of specimen?	
On the average, how many hours a week do or will you work/have contact with these animals or specimens?	
How long do you plan to work at this job or a similar job with animals at MSU?	
Height (without shoes):	Weight (without shoes):

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1. Yes  No  Do you smoke cigarettes now?

2. Yes  No  Have you had a breathing test?  
**IF YES, WHAT WERE THE RESULTS?**

3. Yes  No  \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever had emphysema?

4. Yes  No  Have you ever had asthma?

**IF "YES," ANSWER QUESTIONS 4a-4d. IF "NO," SKIP TO QUESTION 5.**

Yes  No  4a. Do you still have it?

Yes  No  4b. Did a doctor confirm it?

4c. At what age did it start? \_\_\_\_\_

4d. If you no longer have it, at what age did it stop? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Yes  No  Have you ever had tuberculosis?

6. Yes  No  Have you ever had any other lung problems that you have been told about?  
IF "YES," PLEASE SPECIFY:

7. Yes  No  \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you ever had an attack of wheezing that made you feel short of breath?  
**IF "YES" TO QUESTION 7, ANSWER QUESTIONS 7a-7c. IF "NO," SKIP TO QUESTION 8.**  
7a. How old were you when your first attack of wheezing occurred? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No  7b. Have you had two or more such episodes?

Yes  No  7c. Have you required medicine or treatment for these attacks?

8. Yes  No  Do you usually bring up phlegm or mucus from your chest? (Count phlegm with first waking up or first cigarette or on first going out of doors. Exclude phlegm from the nose. Count swallowed phlegm.)

**IF "YES" TO QUESTION 8, ANSWER QUESTIONS 8a AND 8b, IF "NO" SKIP TO QUESTION 9.**

Yes  No  8a. Do you bring up phlegm or mucus like on 4 or more days per week, for 3 consecutive months or more during the year?

8b. For how many years have you had trouble with phlegm or mucus? \_\_\_\_\_

9. When was your last general medical examination? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Yes  No  Do you have any chronic medical conditions?  
**IF "YES," WHAT DISEASES?**





20. Yes  No  Don't know  Have you had a tetanus vaccine in the last 10 years?

21. Check the type of respirator (a mask that protects you against exposure to dusts or chemical fumes) you will use, **surgical masks are not considered respirators**(you can check more than one category):

- 21a. N, R, or P disposable respirator (filter-mask, non cartridge type only).  
 21b. Other type (for example, half or full-face piece type, powered-air purifying, supplied-air self contained breathing apparatus).  
21c. How often do you expect to wear a respirator? (for example: 3 times per week, 10 times per month)

21d. How long do you expect to typically wear your respirator without taking it off? (for example: 15 min., .5 hours, 1 hour, 4 hours)

21e. What duties will you perform while using the respirator? (for example: painting, applying pesticides, cleaning, asbestos removal, etc...)

21f. Briefly describe your working environment when you will be wearing your respirator. (For example: research lab, farm area, steam tunnel, penthouse, etc. . . )

22. Yes  No  Have you ever worn a respirator:  
**IF "YES," ANSWER QUESTIONS 21a-21i. IF "NO," SKIP TO QUESTION 22.**

22a. When was the last time, year? \_\_\_\_\_

22b. Check the type:  N, R, or P filter type  Cartridge  helmet  air tank mask

Have you ever had any of the following problems when you wore a respirator?

- Yes  No  22c. Eye irritation?  
Yes  No  22d. Skin allergies or rashes?  
Yes  No  22e. Anxiety?  
Yes  No  22f. Persistent general weakness or fatigue?  
Yes  No  22g. Any other problems that interfere with your use of a respirator?  
If yes, what?  
22h. Describe any other difficulties that you had using the respirator? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No  22i. \_\_\_\_\_  
Did these difficulties make it so you were unable to use the respirator?

23. Yes  No  Do you have a fear of tight or enclosed places (claustrophobia)?

24. Have you ever had any of the following conditions?

Yes  No  24a. Epilepsy (or fits, seizures, convulsions)?

Yes  No  24b. Diabetes?  
Yes  No  **IF "YES," Mark treatment:**  DIET  PILLS  INSULIN

24c. Allergic reactions that interfere with your breathing?

Yes  No  24d. Trouble smelling odors?

25. Have you ever had any of the following cardiovascular or heart problems?

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

26.   Has a doctor ever told you that you had a heart attack?

27. What was your most recent blood pressure? \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**You must provide a blood pressure reading done within the past year. If you have not had a blood pressure reading in the last year, have a blood pressure taken and record the result on the questionnaire before sending the questionnaire to the Occupational Health Clinic. You may also call the Occupational Health Clinic (353-9137) to schedule a time to have your blood pressure taken and you may return the questionnaire at that time.**

28. Yes No

Has a doctor ever told you that you had any other kind of heart trouble?

**IF "YES," PLEASE SPECIFY:**

29. Yes No

Do you have irregular or skipped heartbeats?

30. Yes No

Has a doctor ever told you that you had high blood pressure?

31. Yes No

Have you had any treatment for high blood pressure (hypertension) in the past ten years?

**IF "YES," PLEASE LIST WHAT MEDICATION(S) YOU TAKE FOR YOUR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE:**

32. Have you ever had any of the following cardiovascular or heart symptoms?

Yes No

32a. Pain or tightness in your chest that interferes with your job

Yes No

32b. Heartburn or indigestion that is not related to eating

Yes No

32c. Any other symptoms that you think may be related to heart or circulation problems.

Yes No

**IF "YES," PLEASE SPECIFY:**

**Within the past three months:**

33. Yes No

Have you had any pain or discomfort in your chest?

34. Yes No

Have you ever had any pressure or heaviness in your chest?

**IF "YES" TO EITHER QUESTIONS 32 OR 33, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

**IF "NO" TO QUESTIONS 32 AND 33, SKIP TO QUESTION 39.**

35. Yes No

Do you get pain, discomfort, pressure, or heaviness when you walk uphill or hurry?

Never hurry or walk uphill

36. Yes No

Do you get pain, discomfort, pressure, or heaviness when you walk at an ordinary pace on level ground?

37. What do you do if you get pain, discomfort, pressure, or heaviness while you are walking?
- Stop or slow down
  - Take nitroglycerine
  - Keep going, without slowing down

If you stand still or sit down, what happens to this pain or discomfort?

38.  Not relieved       Relieved

39.  Yes       No      Did you see a doctor because of this pain or discomfort?  
IF "YES," WHAT DID HE/SHE SAY IT WAS?

40.  Yes       No      Have you ever had a back injury?

41.  Yes       No      Do you currently have any of the following musculoskeletal problems?

- Yes       No      41a. Weakness in any of your arms, hands, legs, or feet.

- Yes       No      41b. Back pain.

- Yes       No      41c. Difficulty fully moving your arms and legs.

- Yes       No      41d. Pain or stiffness when you lean forward or backward at the waist.

- Yes       No      41e. Difficulties fully moving your head up or down.

- Yes       No      41f. Difficulty fully moving your head side to side.

- Yes       No      41g. Difficulty fully bending at your knees.

- Yes       No      41h. Difficulty squatting to the ground.

- Yes       No      41i. Difficulty climbing a flight of stairs or a ladder while carrying more than 25 lbs.

- Yes       No      41j. Any other muscle or skeletal problem that might interfere with using a respirator.  
IF YES, please explain:

42.  Yes       No      Are you color blind?

43.  Yes       No      Do you have a ruptured ear drum?

44.  Yes       No      Do you wear contact lenses?

45.  Yes       No      Do you wear glasses?

46.  Yes       No      Do you have any defect of vision (other than corrective lenses)?  
**IF "YES," STATE THE NATURE OF THE DEFECT:**

47.  Yes       No      Do you have any defect of hearing?

48.  Yes       No      Would you like to talk to the health care professional that will review this questionnaire about your answers to this questionnaire?

You are done! Please mail or fax this completed questionnaire to: MSU Occupational Health, 463 East Circle Drive, Room 123 Olin Health Center, East Lansing, MI 48824. Fax: (517) 355-0332