

Bioprotection Plan: Hamsters, Gerbils, and other USDA covered rodents

### **Prior to arrival:**

Animals must be received from an approved vendor with appropriate testing performed.

## **Upon arrival:**

Animals arriving from a vendor may be placed directly in the animal room. Animal care staff should note the general health and appearance of the animals. If any animals are found with health issues, an AHEF should be sent to the investigator and LAP veterinary staff.

LAP veterinary staff will briefly assess the animals within one day of arrival.

### **Preventative Maintenance Plan:**

Daily: Observations

Monthly: N/A

Trimester: Colony testing may be performed each trimester for excluded agents for hamsters and gerbils. For other rodents colony testing may be performed for general rodent pathogens.

# **Purdue Hamster Excluded Agents**

Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis Virus (LCM)

Pneumonia Virus of Mice (PVM)

Respiratory Enteric Virus III (REO 3) 1

Sendai Virus

Clostridium piliforme

Lawsonia intracellularis

Mycoplasma pulmonis

Pneumocystis spp

Ectoparasites

**Endoparasites** 

# **Purdue Gerbil Excluded Agents**

**Ectoparasites** 

**Endoparasites** 

**LCMV** 

Clostridium piliforme