Health Science Building Animal Move and Construction Update

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- **General Contractor:** Hein
Preparations: Animal Move

- Transfer of animals from uOttawa to Carleton will take place in three shipments (August 12\textsuperscript{th}, 14\textsuperscript{th} and 16\textsuperscript{th}).

- Carleton ACVS staff will no longer have a presence at the uOttawa facility after August 31\textsuperscript{st}.

- Breeding animals should be separated by July 12\textsuperscript{th} to have all rodents at least 7 days of age for the moves.

- Rats will be in separate shipments from the mice.
Carleton’s new animal facility verbally passed the OMAFRA (the Ontario governing agency) inspection on June 25th. Now preparations for the return of the animals to Carleton include:

- Clean and sanitize the level 7 facility
- Set up and test animal caging, experimental equipment and facility supporting infrastructure
- Finalize adapted and new Standard Operating Procedures
EHS Required Training:

- Training is required to access the Vivarium
- Lab safety, biosafety, WHMIS training, etc. see https://carleton.ca/ehs/training/upcoming/

ACVS Orientations:

- Animal care orientations will begin in August and continue until September.
- ACVS will be in touch with labs regarding specific orientation dates.
Construction Labour Disruptions:

- The plumber union has resolved their labour dispute, but the sheet metal worker union remains in a labour dispute; they have voted on a new contract last night.

- City occupancy of levels 4 and 6 is dependant on the completion of work that the sheet metal workers are responsible for completing.

- In order to complete all remaining construction work on L2, 4, 6 and 7, we must await the resolution of the sheet metal worker labour dispute.
The plan to move the animals back to Carleton and complete required construction within the animal facility:

- uOttawa to L7
- L7 → L6
- Complete construction on L7
- Move animals to final holding rooms
Move-In: What to Expect – L7
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– L7 Construction
Floor 7 - Animal Holding Room

Floor 7 – Animal Testing Room
Floor 7 - Cage Washer and Bulk Sterilizer

Floor 7 – Surgical Prep Room
Transfer of animals from uOttawa to Carleton will take place on three days:

- August 12\textsuperscript{th} (mouse shipment)
- August 14\textsuperscript{th} (1 mouse and 1 rat shipment)
- August 16\textsuperscript{th} (1 mouse and 1 rat shipment)

There will be increased traffic on the elevators during this time.

Security measures and vivarium SOPs have been put in place to ensure the security of the animals.
Currently, construction continues on Floors 2, 4 and 6

Completion of the remaining construction work on L7 will commence once the animals are moved to the completed L6 facility.

Updates on construction and the progress of the animal facility will be communicated through my office as information is confirmed.
QUESTIONS?
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