Animal Allergy Concerns?

REMEMBER:

**A**llergy Symptoms include sneezing, itchy eyes, rash, runny nose, asthma.

**L**imit animal handling and creating aerosols by using biological safety cabinets, ventilated cages, and fume hoods.

**L**eave street clothes out of animal facility; wear dedicated protective clothing.

**E**xposure to general public should be avoided by transporting animals in covered cages.

**R**eport allergy symptoms to your supervisor & follow-up with the occupational health services clinic.

**G**loves, lab coat, safety glasses, & N95 can minimize exposure.

**Y**ou can minimize allergies by keeping your hands, cages, & facilities clean.

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- According to NIOSH, about 33% of animal handlers have allergic symptoms, and approximately 10% have symptoms of animal-induced asthma.
- To enroll in the Animal Handler Medical Surveillance Program or to report allergy symptoms that may have developed since your last assessment, please contact your supervisor.

Questions or concerns should be directed to the Department of Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) at (734) 647-1143 or ehs-animalsafety@umich.edu