

Dear Principal Investigators and Staff,

We are pleased to announce that the IACUC approved several improvements and simplifications within the eIACUC online protocol system. These improvements are scheduled to be patched into the live system on Monday, June 1st, 2020. A summary of the updates is provided below.

Animal Housing and Use Page

Animal Housing Section

- Room numbers will no longer be required for housing with the centralized CCM facility.
- A new Aquatic housing type is now available for selection for aquatic species.
- To help identify your housing needs, housing “sub-types” will now be selected for both Barrier and Containment housing. These consist of:
 - Barrier
 - Standard Barrier
 - High Level Barrier (HLB)
 - Immunodeficient with Human Materials (ABSL2)
 - Return Room for HLB or Human Material
 - Containment
 - Biological Hazard
 - Chemical Hazard
 - Radiation Hazard
 - Rodent Pathogen
 - Viral Vector

More information about housing sub-types can be found on [CCM’s website](https://ccm.northwestern.edu/animal-care-health/housing-types) at <https://ccm.northwestern.edu/animal-care-health/housing-types>.

Animal Use Section

- Room numbers will no longer be required for procedures performed within the centralized CCM facility.
- After selecting a building, labs will be prompted to select either “CCM Facility” space or “Lab Space.” As stated above, CCM facility spaces will not require a specific room number, however lab spaces will still require a room number to be entered.

Consideration of Alternatives and Consideration of Duplication Pages

- You no longer have to provide a summary of the duplication search. A simple attestation on the **Federal Assurances** page will take the place of the Consideration of Duplication page in every protocol. The attestation check box on the **Federal Assurances** page must now be checked for all submissions.
- A search for alternatives on the Consideration of Alternatives page is no longer required for non-USDA species protocols. The Consideration of Alternatives page will still be required for protocols that include USDA-covered species as required by USDA regulations.

Any questions or requests for more information can be sent to acuc@northwestern.edu. We look forward to continuing to support your valuable research efforts during this time of transition.

The IACUC Office