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**Title:** Guidelines for Identification and Containment of Infectious Agents and Recombinant DNA  
**Effective Date:** March 14, 2024  
**Issuing Authority:** Provost  
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### **Purpose**

Mercer University has provided formal assurance to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that it will follow procedures which will assure the protection of all individuals involved with research projects.

### **Scope**

This assurance applies to research conducted by anyone on the premises of Mercer University and research conducted elsewhere by faculty, students, staff, or other representatives of the University, whether or not the research is sponsored by DHHS. This assurance also applies to research licensed by the State of Georgia and approved by the University for conduct not on University premises by employees of the University.

### **Exclusions**

None

### **Policy Statement**

In order to comply with this assurance, Mercer University has established an institutional committee qualified to review research and instructional projects that involve potentially hazardous infectious agents and/or recombinant DNA. This committee has been designated as the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC). The primary function of the IBC is to assist the investigator in the protection of individuals and the environment from potential contamination. All projects that involve the use of these agents are to be conducted under these guidelines.

### **Additional Resources**

Additional information on the biosafety program can be found in the Environmental, Health and Safety Office and on Mercer University's website at <https://ehso.mercer.edu/safety/biosafety/>.

### **History**

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