

# MOUSE CAGE DENSITY POLICY

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Overcrowded mouse cages represent a significant animal welfare concern. Such cages are noncompliant with Public Health Service (PHS) Policy and our Assurance to PHS. *The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (NRC 2003) states that animals should be housed in groups of no more than 5 mice per cage. The PHS Policy states that animals should be housed in groups of no more than 5 mice per cage. The Assurance to PHS states that animals should be housed in groups of no more than 5 mice per cage.

Overcrowded cages (housing densities exceeding those depicted in the chart below)