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INCIDENT ACTION PLAN - 21

Incident Name: Tulane National Primate Research Center 15-005

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Operational Period:

Date: June 5, 2015

Time: 6/5/2015 - 0900hrs to 6/12/2015 - 0900hrs

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Objectives

	** Note - some field operations have resumed, including rodent, feral cat, wildlife and NHP sampling and testing. ** ** TNPRC, Local, State and Federal Agencies are continuing work on developing short and long term monitoring plans**
1	**Investigation process - On Campus: To identify, isolate, remediate and prevent further tranmission of Bp on campus grounds.**
	Sampling Objectives:
1.1	To conduct serological sampling to determine potential parameters of transmission exposure.

Status:

<u>LA DHH Updates as of 6/05/15</u> - Nothing new to report.
(Updates below are from 5/28/15)
IDEpi received one CDC laboratory result on a human sample- it was negative for burkholderia. The individual has been notified.

<u>CDC Updates as of 6/05/15</u> - Nothing new to report.
(Updates below are from 5/28/15)
The CDC lab has completed another batch of Tulane NHP testing. One additional animal, KG09, had a weakly reactive titer at 1:160 and will require follow-up investigation. KG09 was housed in field Cage R/23E, and was in clinic room 75 from 7/24 until 10/28.

Animal Results as of 5/28/15
Current status of animal testing
- *3 culture-confirmed infections (symptomatic)*
- *7 asymptomatic sero-conversions*

ANIMAL TESTING - IHA
BIG PICTURE
- *There are 4107 animals in the facility. We have tested 1213 of them (29.5%).*
- *There have been 840 animals in the clinic between Oct 15 and Feb 15. We have tested 638(75.9 %) of the clinic exposed animals.*

Testing of other locations
- *39 samples from Maryland were all negative on 3/17/2015*
- *5 samples from UMTB were all negative on 4/1/2015*

<u>USDA Updates as of 6/05/15</u> - Nothing new to report.
(Updates below are from 5/28/15)
Sampling of wildlife continues for the short term wildlife plan. Currently 123 wildlife and 8 cats sampled with no growth on culture.

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1.1	To conduct serological sampling to determine potential parameters of transmission exposure. (CONTINUED)
	Status (continued): *<u>TNPRC Updates as of 6/05/15</u> - Nothing new to report.* *(Updates below are from 5/6/15)* *Ongoing testing of the seropositive, healthy macaques has not revealed any evidence of shedding of Burkholderia pseudomallei: more than 90 cultures to date: 47 urine cultures, 44 rectal swabs.* *Wildlife testing on primate center grounds is ongoing and to date each animal tested (n = 124) has been negative. This includes feral cats, rats, mice, opossums, armadillo, nutria and raccoons.* *Additional soil sampling in the field cages from which the original two animals originated occurred the week of April 27. The soil collection was extensive and included approximately 600 samples. Final results from this testing should be available sometime between the end of June and the middle of July* *We have fully responded to the report from CDC and USDA and provided them with numerous documents as part of this response. This includes new and revised Standard Operation Procedures, training materials and documentation that training has occurred.* *The Director of Biosafety at Tulane has decided to leave to take a new job. A search firm has been retained and will be moving quickly to assist the University in finding a new Director. (Dr. Tammy Pracheil Bavaret, Ph.D., is serving as Biological Safety Officer for Tulane in the interim.)* *The CDC and APHIS have indicated that they will return to the TNPRC once the new Director of Biosafety and "responsible official" has been named, in order to conduct the first of what will be multiple visits as we move toward eventual reinstatement of our select agent permit.*
1.2	To conduct air sampling to determine potential of aerosolized transmission.
	Status: Completed. All test results were negative for Bp. Additional short term and long term environmental monitoring plans are being developed.
1.3	To conduct soil sampling within the cages to validate spread of Bp in cage-soil.
	Status: See TNPRC Update in Objective 1.1

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Objectives (continued)	
1.4	To conduct soil sampling outside the cages to determine if Bp has spread beyond enclosures
	Status: All test results were negative for Bp. Additional short term and long term environmental monitoring plans are being developed.
1.5	To conduct water sampling around the compound and at discharge points to determine if Bp is growing in water discharges.
	Status: All test results were negative for Bp. Additional short term and long term environmental monitoring plans are being developed. USDA Update 5/28/15 - Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation provided USDA five years worth of water data to assist in looking at survivability of Burkholderia pseudomallei in the local water.
	Remediation Objectives:
1.6	To conduct remediation of enclosures where infected animals were - or are - located.
	Status: Tulane is moving forward with planning for additional environmental sampling and remediation. Tulane is finalizing a contract with Dr. Dave Wagner at Northern Arizona University, who was recommended by CDC. See TNPRC Update in Objective 1.1
1.7	To conduct remediation outside the cages based on soil sampling results.
	Status: See Objective 1.6
1.8	To identify potential mitigation activities should air and/or water samples come back positive.
	Status: See Objective 1.6
2	**Surrounding Area - Off Campus: To conduct risk assessment(s) within a meaningful vicinity outside the compound to ascertain need for further sampling wildlife, livestock, and other potential at-risk animals.**
2.1	To conduct risk survey of animals in the area and determine whether these animals require further testing.
	Status: See updates in Objective 1.1.
2.2	To utilize findings from the investigative process to determine need for further mitigation activities outside the compound.
	Status: USDA update as of 4/17/15 - The animal health risk assessment is being updated with new information from the investigation Tulane is contracting out collection of soil sampling in response to wildlife seropositive. The contractor will draft the plan, and a Federal/State working group will evaluate the plan.
3	**Public Communications**
3.1	To formalize JIC members under CDC lead.
	Status: Completed but under GOHSEP lead.
3.2	To develop Frequently Asked Questions document in readiness for public dissemination.
	Status: A public meeting was held in St. Tammany Parish on 3/31/15.

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Objectives (continued)

4	**Science Technical Working Group - To advise the Unified Command on Interpretation of Sampling and Testing Results, and to Make Recommendations on Further Actions with Investigations, Remediation and Response (Objectives 1 and 2).**
4.1	Review, interpret and advise the UC on human blood test results and need for additional actions.
	Status: Initial test results are being reviewed. Awaiting additional test results for review.
4.2	Review, interpret and advise the UC on animal blood test results and need for additional actions.
	Status: Initial test results are being reviewed. Awaiting additional test results for review.
4.3	Review, interpret and advise the UC on air, water, and soil test results and need for additional actions.
	Status: Initial test results are being reviewed and additional short term and long term environmental monitoring plans are being developed.

Operational Period Command Emphasis
(Priorities, Key Decisions/Directions)

Expedient development and implementation of testing and response plans is the Unified Command emphasis, while at all times making decisions which are in the best interest of worker and public safety. Any issues which arise to impede this effort will be immediately communicated to the Unified Command for assistance and resolution. Full compliance with animal health and welfare regulations will be observed, and efforts will be made to minimze impacts to animal welfare.

NWS Weather Forecast for Covington, La. as of 6/05/2015 at 1030hrs CDT

National Weather Service Office Slidell, La. 985-649-0429 http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lix/

Safety Message / Site Safety Plan

Safety of response personnel and the general public is paramount. Primary focus will be on strict adherence to safety rules and regulations and proper use of PPE. Any safety concerns, incidents or injuries must be immediately reported to a supervisor and the incident Safety Officer.

Is a Site Safety Plan Required?	X Yes	No	Location of Site Safety Plan: On file with Safety Officer and Planning Section

Incident Action Plan Components (check if attached)

x	Incident Action Plan Cover (ICS-200)		Medical Plan (ICS-206)
x	Incident Objectives (ICS-202)	x	Site Safety Plan (ICS-208)
x	Organization Assigment List (ICS-203)	x	Cleaning and Disinfecting Vehicles Plan
	Assignment List (ICS-204)	x	Incident Map(s)
x	Communications Plan (ICS-205T)		

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Safety Officer	Tammy Pracheil Bavaret, PhD (Tulane)	S.A.P. Microbiologist	Lyla Lipscomb (CDC/OPHPR)	
PIO (JIC Primary Contacts)	* See PIO - JIC Information Below *	Medical Off. & SME	David Blaney (CDC/NCEZID)	
Liaison Officer	Darryl Delatte (GOHSEP)	EIS Officer	LCDR Leisha Nolen, MD (CDC/NCEZID)	
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Technical Specialists (Specialty and Name)		**Plans Section - Science Technical Working Group**		
*** Note - The Science Technical Working Group has been*		CDC - Working Group Lead	RADM Scott Deitchman, MD	
created under Plans Section. See adjacent list of members and		CDC - Human Blood Specialist	Dr. Henry Walke	
Objective 4 on the ICS-202.		CDC - Human Blood Specialist	Ermias Belay	
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Personal Protective Equipment and Other Work Practice Requirements for All Employees Responding to the Tulane National Primate Research Center *Burkholderia pseudomallei* Response.

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Purpose and Scope

- This document is intended for the protection of federal, state, and local government employees as well as Tulane employees involved in the current *Burkholderia pseudomallei* investigation at the Tulane National Primate Research Center (TNPRC). Response workers are involved in the *Burkholderia pseudomallei* response on-site for the primary purpose of observation of response activities. Additional work activities may include: inspecting research facilities to include laboratories; interviewing employees, and reviewing TNPRC plans, SOPs, and work practices for handling select agents. Additional activities identified as part of the response may require another risk assessment that could result in the need for additional protection.
- This guidance outlines required personal protective equipment (PPE) and other work precautions that must be followed to protect employee health and safety and ensure biocontainment within the facility.
- EPA and their contractors are working under their own health and safety plan that is consistent with the requirements outlined in this document.

General Guidance

- Limited access. Access to the TNPRC, and especially the laboratories and animal colony, should be done with specific response or investigation duties.
- Basic entry requirements. For access to the laboratories and colony, individuals must be appropriately trained, fit tested (if a tight-fitting respirator), and have appropriate medical clearance for use of a respirator. Access to the laboratories and colony areas is limited to only individuals with a negative PPD TB test within the past 6 months.
- Open wounds. Any open wounds must be covered prior to entrance to the facility.
- All donning and doffing of PPE must occur with a "buddy" in order to ensure proper procedures are followed.
- Biocontainment practices should also be followed to avoid transiting potentially contaminated dust and soil from one animal cage to another.

Administrative Areas

- No specific PPE required, although individuals must cover any open wounds. TNPRC will be asked to provide foot baths for use by individuals who are returning from the primate grounds and associated areas who do not wear disposable foot coverings.

Laboratories

- CDC requested that TNPRC conduct cleaning and decontamination of any anterooms in which our participants will enter without PPE.
- Laboratory spaces: Follow TNPRC laboratory PPE requirements which include the use of respiratory protection, disposable gloves, gowns or coveralls, foot coverings, head coverings, and eye protection. PAPRs with disposable hoods equipped with high efficiency filters may be used in lieu of N-95 respirators. Double gloves must be worn in areas where select agent work has taken place but not been decontaminated.
- Hand hygiene must be performed after removal of PPE and upon exiting vivarium or animal colony rooms, necropsy rooms, and/or laboratory areas. Ensure that hands are thoroughly washed with soap and water; if soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Follow with soap and water once available.

Non-Human Primate Colony- South Campus

- PPE described in this area is required for all staff observing activities related to the collection of animal serology and the investigation. All staff should maintain a safe distance of the animal enclosures whenever possible. Entrances and work within 10 feet of the animal enclosures will be kept to a minimum. TNPRC staff should be utilized as much as possible to work in this area under USDA observation and direction.
- Inquire with Tulane NPRC if there is a NHP "Bite, Scratch and Splash" kit readily available within premises in the possible event of an animal escaping its primary enclosure (e.g., caging).
- Recommended PPE includes:
    - Tyvek coveralls (with attached hood is preferred),
    - Boot covers,
    - Double gloves, and
    - N-95 filtering facepiece, face shield or goggles, and head cover,

      OR
    - Elastomeric respirator* equipped with high efficiency particulate air filter and head cover,

      OR
    - Powered air purifying respirator* equipped with high efficiency filter with disposable hood

*These higher levels of respiratory protection are recommended as an option because they offer protection of the mucous membranes, including the eyes and nose, and obviate the need for additional eye and face protection.

- Tulane will identify a dedicated sally port entrance to serve as the federal entrance/exit point. PPE must be donned and doffed in the area between the exterior gate and interior gate at the sally port.

- Boot covers must be removed and replaced with new boot covers before entering vehicles and between animal cages to avoid potential cross-contamination.

- All personnel on-site will follow these procedures:
    - The number of personnel entering the animal colony should be kept to an absolute minimum.
    - Entry to the animal colony will be through the sally port. PPE will be donned at this point prior to entry through the interior gate.
    - Donning and doffing will occur at the sally port with a buddy or observer to assist as needed.
    - Hand sanitizer will be available and used after doffing or assisting someone else in doffing.
    - Personnel will shower at the on-site facility only if direct contact with potentially infectious material (e.g., through a splash) or direct contact with an animal has occurred.
    - Personnel will minimize contact with any surfaces and remain as far from the primate cages as practicable while observing activities.
    - PPE will be collected in biohazard disposal bags and handled as hazardous material.
    - Personnel are encouraged to shower and shampoo as soon as possible after leaving the facility.
    - Any breaches in PPE (e.g., tear on glove) or any potential exposure while not wearing the appropriate PPE should be reported to the immediate supervisor or chain of command. Respective agency occupational health programs should also be notified.

- Hand hygiene must be performed after removal of PPE and upon exiting the colony area. Ensure that hands are thoroughly washed with soap and water; if soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Follow with soap and water once available.

Surveillance for Occupational Infections

The signs and symptoms of melioidosis vary depending on the type of infection and can easily be mistaken for other diseases such as pneumonia or tuberculosis. The incubation period ranges from one day to many years, with the vast majority of cases presenting within 21 days of exposure.

- For wound infections, signs and symptoms include localized pain or swelling.

- For pulmonary infections, signs and symptoms include cough, headache, fever, chest pain, anorexia (lack of appetite), and general muscle soreness.

- For bloodstream infections, signs and symptoms include high fever, headache, respiratory distress, disorientation, abdominal discomfort, and muscle tenderness.

- For infections that have spread throughout the body, signs and symptoms include fever, weight loss, stomach or chest pain, muscle or joint pain, headache, and encephalitis or seizures.

Self-monitoring:

Employees should do active daily self-monitoring for the presence of symptoms of melioidosis and fever for 21 days after the last day on site at TNPRC. Any fever above normal must be reported to the immediate supervisor or chain of command, and respective agency health and safety staff. Collection of blood for employees prior to visiting the site is recommended to serve as baseline samples should they be needed. Banked samples will not be analyzed at the time of collection, rather decisions on the need to analyze bank sera will be determined by the Unified Command.

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Cleaning and Disinfecting Vehicles

All vehicles (for example, cars, livestock carriers, feed trucks, milk trucks, and carcass transporters) and heavy machinery (for example, excavators, backhoes, and bulldozers) that have been used on the Tulane National Primate Research Center, South Campus as part of the B pseudomallei response must undergo proper C&D processes before departing the premises because of the potential to transport pathogens across premises.

General Procedures

1. Don PPE as approved in the safety plan.
2. Remove the following items and set these items at the appropriate steps for separate C&D
a. Equipment in the truck bed or trailer, or in the vehicle's trunk.
b. Fixtures and fittings.
c. items should be returned to the vehicle after cleaning and/or disinfections are complete.

Cleaning Procedures

1. Dispose of soiled bedding and refuse and debris cleaned from the vehicle in appropriate biohazard containers.
2. Use shovels, manure forks, brushes, low-pressure sprayers, or mechanical scrapers to remove all visible organic material from the exterior of the vehicle. Remove any deposits of mud and straw from the wheels, wheel wells, tires, mudguards, and exposed chassis of the vehicle. It is essential that appropriate PPE be worn, especially when zoonotic disease agents are involved.

Washing Procedures

1.The power wash at Z Building will be used to clean the exterior of vehicles of all soil accumulation as well as to clean soiled tools and implements used in the completion of tasks associated with the B pseudomallei response mission in order to allow effective decontamination with liquid disinfectant. Any deposits of mud and straw should be removed from the wheels, wheel wells, tires, mudguards, and exposed chassis of the vehicle.
2. If interior of the vehicle has been contaminated with soil or debris remove the soil and debris and if necessary remove the floor mats or other items for washing with the power washer.
3. Following the washing procedure the vehicle, tools and other items washed will be rinsed with water and allow 5–10 minutes for residual rinse water to drip off.
4. Remove PPE soiled during the washing process and replace with clean PPE.

Exterior Disinfection

1. At the sally port the exterior of the vehicle and any items washed in the previous step will be sprayed with a 1% Virkon S® solution as a disinfectant. A garden type pump sprayer or equivalent can be used for application.
2. For vehicles and trailers, apply the disinfectant to the exterior of the vehicle, including the bodywork and wheels.
3. For trailers, apply the disinfectant to the outside of the trailer and the underside of the vehicle.

4. Spray all areas, including the wheels, wheel wells, tires, mudguards, and exposed chassis of the vehicle with disinfectant.
5. Allow 10 minutes of wet disinfectant contact time with the vehicle or trailer.

Interior Cleaning and Disinfection

Interior disinfection of the vehicle is necessary if the driver or passengers leave the cab. If so, all surfaces on the interior of the cab will need to be disinfected.

1. Remove all non-fixed items from the vehicle to be disinfected.
2. Disinfect the interior surfaces of the vehicle with 1% Virkon S® solution and allow 10 minutes contact time before personnel re-enter the vehicle. After the contact time is complete, the surfaces may be rinsed or wiped down with clean water.
3. Replace all items removed for disinfection and dispose of PPE.
4. Re- enter vehicle and drive out of the sally port.

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