

BSL2 Facility. The institute has three laboratories of (b) (4) equipped as BSL2 space for virology, immunology and clinical sample preparation. Equipment includes an Illumina Hiseq 2500, Miseq and BGI 500, gel electrophoresis, power supplies, thermal cyclers, a programmable heat block, heat blocks, water baths, CO₂ incubators (2), several -70°C freezers, one -140°C freezer, refrigerators, DNA documentation system, DNA sequencing and computer assisted sequence analysis programs, several microfuges, Nikon and Zeiss microscopes with photographic and fluorescent capabilities, several class 2 environmental hoods, refrigerated water baths, real time thermocyclers, and spectrophotometers. The laboratory has an ELISA plate reader, an illuminometer, ELISA plate washer, spectrophotometers, and other equipment that is routinely used in characterizing antibody-protein interactions.

BSL 3 Facility. The institute shares an additional (b) (4) of BSL3 facilities equipped with sterile hoods (BSCIIA), CO₂ incubators, -70C freezer, an inverted Nikon fluorescent microscope, and equipment for virus isolation and culture, and molecular genetics research.

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The Department of Epidemiology is an internationally recognized leader in epidemiologic research and training. The department offers research training in most specialized areas including cancer, cardiovascular diseases, environmental and occupational health, health services/clinical epidemiology, reproductive health and infectious diseases. The department's current faculty consists of 51 regular full-time faculty and 151 adjunct faculty members. The department has 218 graduate students enrolled, including 20 in the MPH program, 5 in the MSPH program, 20 in the MSCR program and 173 in the Ph.D. program. The Department of Epidemiology is headquartered in the four-story McGavran-Greenberg Building. The epidemiology administrative and office space occupies (b) (4) square feet and provides additional classroom space. Most of the department's research staff occupies a research annex consisting of approximately (b) (4) square feet of contiguous rental space in a commercial office building.

Dr. Baric has three laboratories of (b) (4) square feet each equipped as BL2 space for molecular biology, virology, immunology and recombinant DNA techniques, as laid out in the current R01 proposal. Equipment is available for gel electrophoresis, PCR, and BSL2 sample storage and handling facilities. It includes a DNA documentation system, DNA sequencing and computer assisted sequence analysis programs, several microfuges, a microscopy suite, 10+ IBM and Apple Pentium II/III computers with accompanying software, three thermocyclers, a fume hood, Nuclisens reader, hybridization oven, real time thermocyclers, three fluorescent inverted scopes with computer software (Olympus IX51), and a spectrophotometer. A Roche Light Cycler 480II is available for real time measurements. The laboratory has an ELISA plate reader, an illuminometer, 200 cages for animal maintenance and breeding in Seal-Safe housing, Bio Rad low pressure chromatography system, ELISA plate washer, spectrophotometers, and other equipment that is routinely used in characterizing antibody-protein interactions.

The Baric laboratory contains an additional (b) (4) square feet of newly renovated BSL3 facilities with enhanced features including shower in/shower out facility; dual anteroom access; Hepa filtered exhaust; redundant exhaust fans; card key access; an alarm system to Public Health/Campus Police; laboratory controlled combination lock; and Techniplast Sealsafe™ Hepa filtered animal housing for 300+ rodents. PAPR and tyvek suits are worn at all times in the BSL3 facility. The BL3 facilities are in an adjacent and attached building (b) (4) or in (b) (4), the latter space is directly adjacent to Dr. Baric's BSL2 laboratory resources. Each facility is equipped with sterile hoods (BSCIIA), four CO₂ incubators, gel electrophoresis equipment, thermal cyclers and power supplies, and related equipment necessary for virus cultivation and molecular genetic research. The facilities each house a -70°C freezer, an inverted Nikon fluorescent microscope with a digital camera, an ELISA plate reader and illuminometer. Both facilities contain rodent-sized Seal-Safe systems (~192 cages) for maintaining animals in a Hepa-filtered Air in/out environment, exhausted into the BSL3 Hepa-filtered exhaust system. An 8 chamber Buxco plethysmography system that allows for repetitive, noninvasive measures of the number of breaths, tidal volume, airway responsiveness, enhanced pause, and respiratory gases from live control and infected mice in a contained system is housed in the main BSL3 laboratory in (b) (4).