



Animal Care & Use Program (ACUP) Quarterly Informational Meeting

May 28, 2026

1:30pm CST via Teams

Administrative Updates



- After two decades of service to Vanderbilt Health, Dr. Jeanne Wallace, Vice President for Animal Care and Attending Veterinarian, will retire at the end of June, 2026.
- A national search is underway to identify her successor and an interim plan is being developed in case the successor is not named by her departure.

Transnetyx

Transnetyx Presents Colony+AMI at Vanderbilt

Session Details:

Tuesday, June 9
Vanderbilt University

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Light Hall Auditorium



Presentation of Colony+AMI and time for individual meetings and questions.

1:00 to 4:00 PM
Conference Room S 2311



One-on-one trainings and drop in questions..

Scan or Click
to RSVP



Questions? Please Contact:

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MYColony
By Transnetyx
Colony + AMI





Updates

- Next MyColony User Group meeting: Friday, June 5th
 - Interested in joining? Contact Jordan Whitt at jordan.whitt@vumc.org
- Look for the next MyColony Quarterly Newsletter coming in mid-Summer

Reminder – MyColony includes Colony and AMI!

Vanderbilt researchers have full access to both (Cost included in *per Diem*)

Contact Megan Grots for all your
Transnetyx needs

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IACUC/OAWA Updates

AAALAC International Site Visit

The Council Member from the Site Visit will present the findings from their visit at the May 2026 AAALAC Council on Accreditation meeting and will be recommending **Continued Full Accreditation**.

The AAALAC Council on Accreditation will determine the final accreditation determination and the results will be shared with us by the end of June (typically).

Semi Annual Inspection Results

Results from January: Top Issues of Non-Compliance

Expired Items



Labeling/Identification



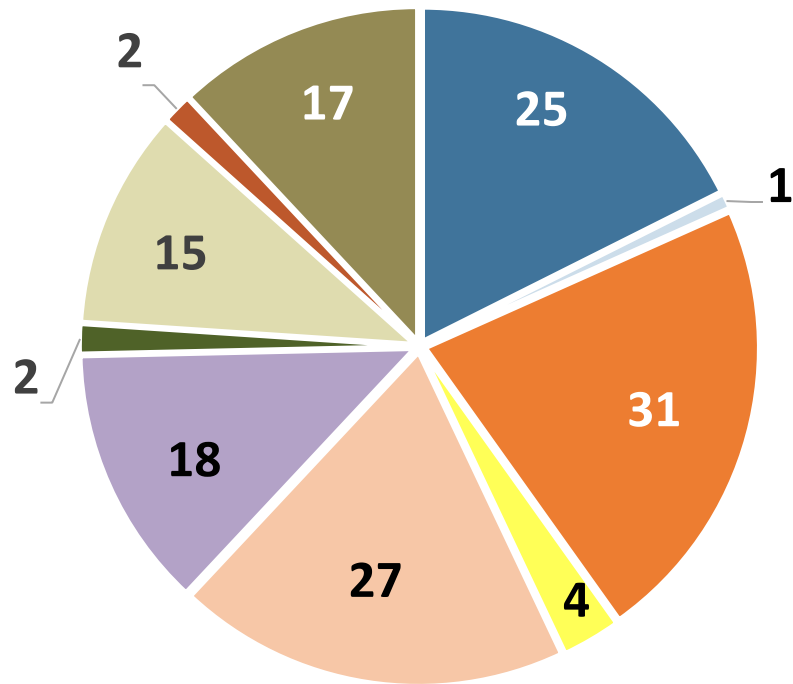
Cleaning and Sanitization of Lab Space



Semi Annual Inspection Results

Vanderbilt Health/Vanderbilt University

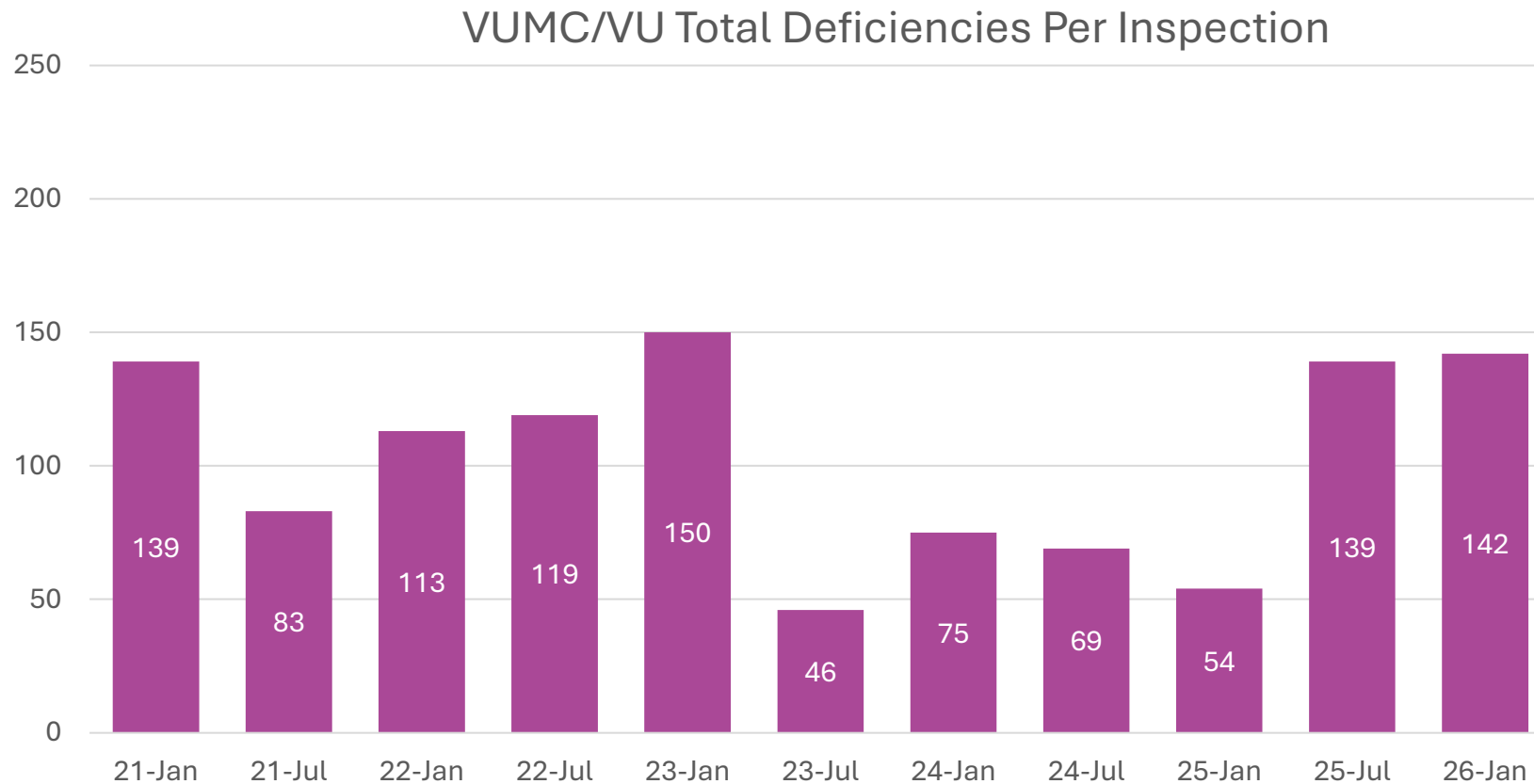
January 2026 Semi Annual Inspection



Deficiency Category	Minor	Significant	Total
	Cleaning and Sanitation	25	
Controlled Substance Storage and Control	1		1
Expired Items	31		31
Food/Water Concerns	4		4
Labeling/Identification	27		27
Physical Plant	18		18
Unapproved Procedures	2		2
Safety Concerns	15		15
Signage	2		2
Veterinary Care and Animal Health Concerns	17		17
TOTALS	142		142

Semi Annual Inspection Results

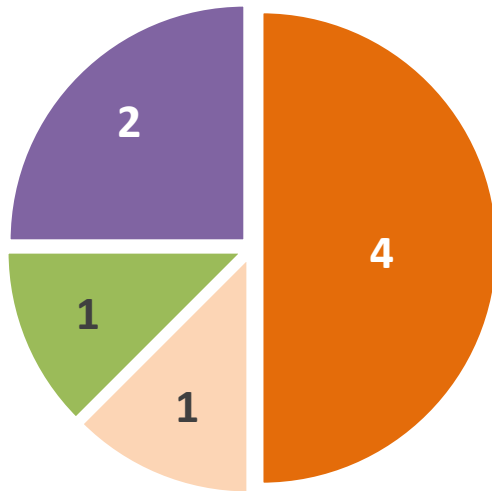
Vanderbilt Health/Vanderbilt University January 2026 Semi Annual Inspection



Semi Annual Inspection Results

Veterans Administration - TVHS

January 2026 Semi Annual Inspection



- Expired Items
- Safety Concerns
- Physical Plant
- Labeling/Identification

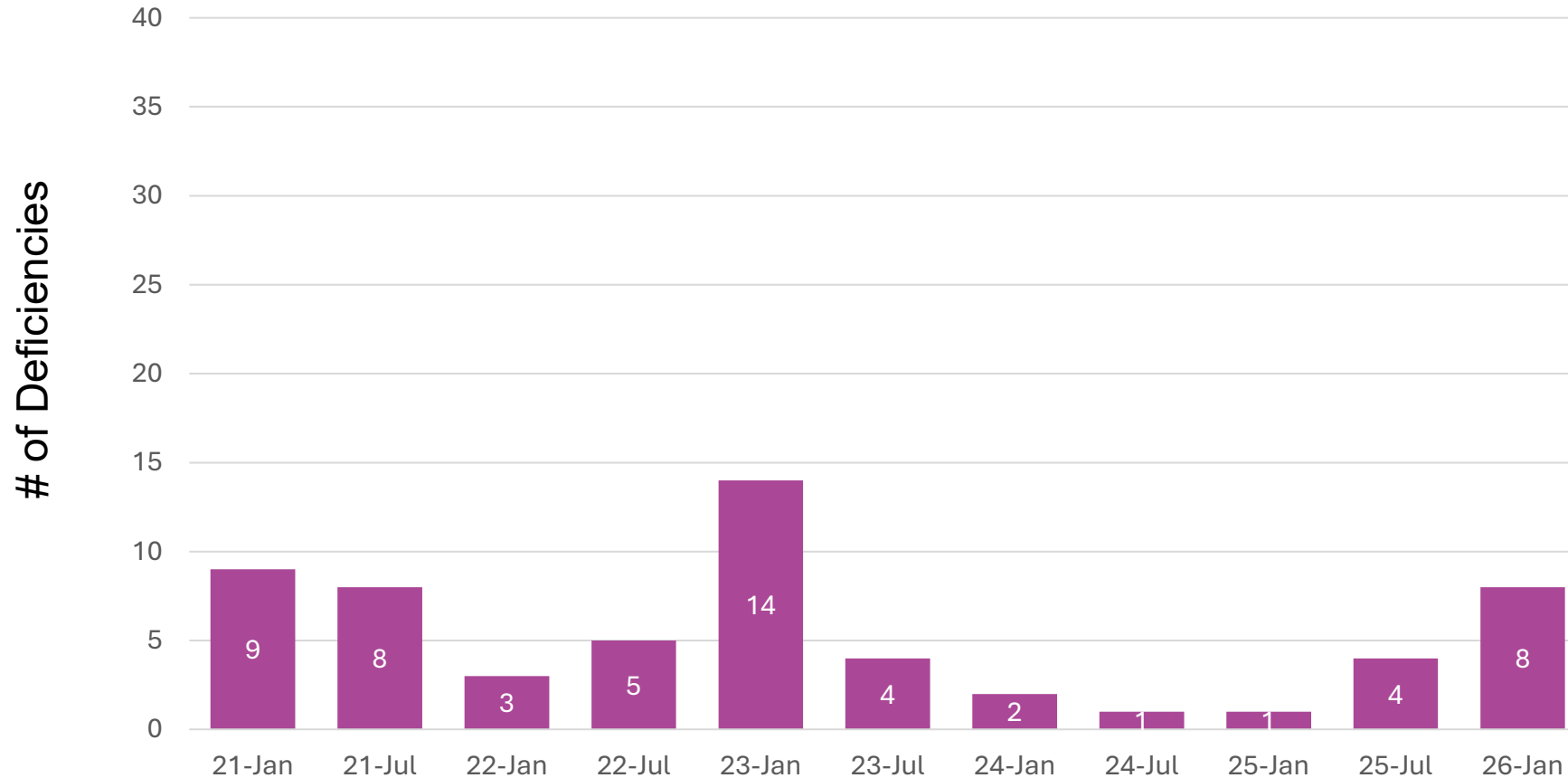
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Unapproved Procedures			
Safety Concerns	2		2
Unapproved Procedures			
Veterinary Care and Animal Health Concerns			
TOTALS	8		8

Semi Annual Inspection Results

Veterans Administration - TVHS

January 2025 Semi Annual Inspection

VA Total Deficiencies per Inspection



Semi Annual Inspection Results

IACUC Compliance Reports

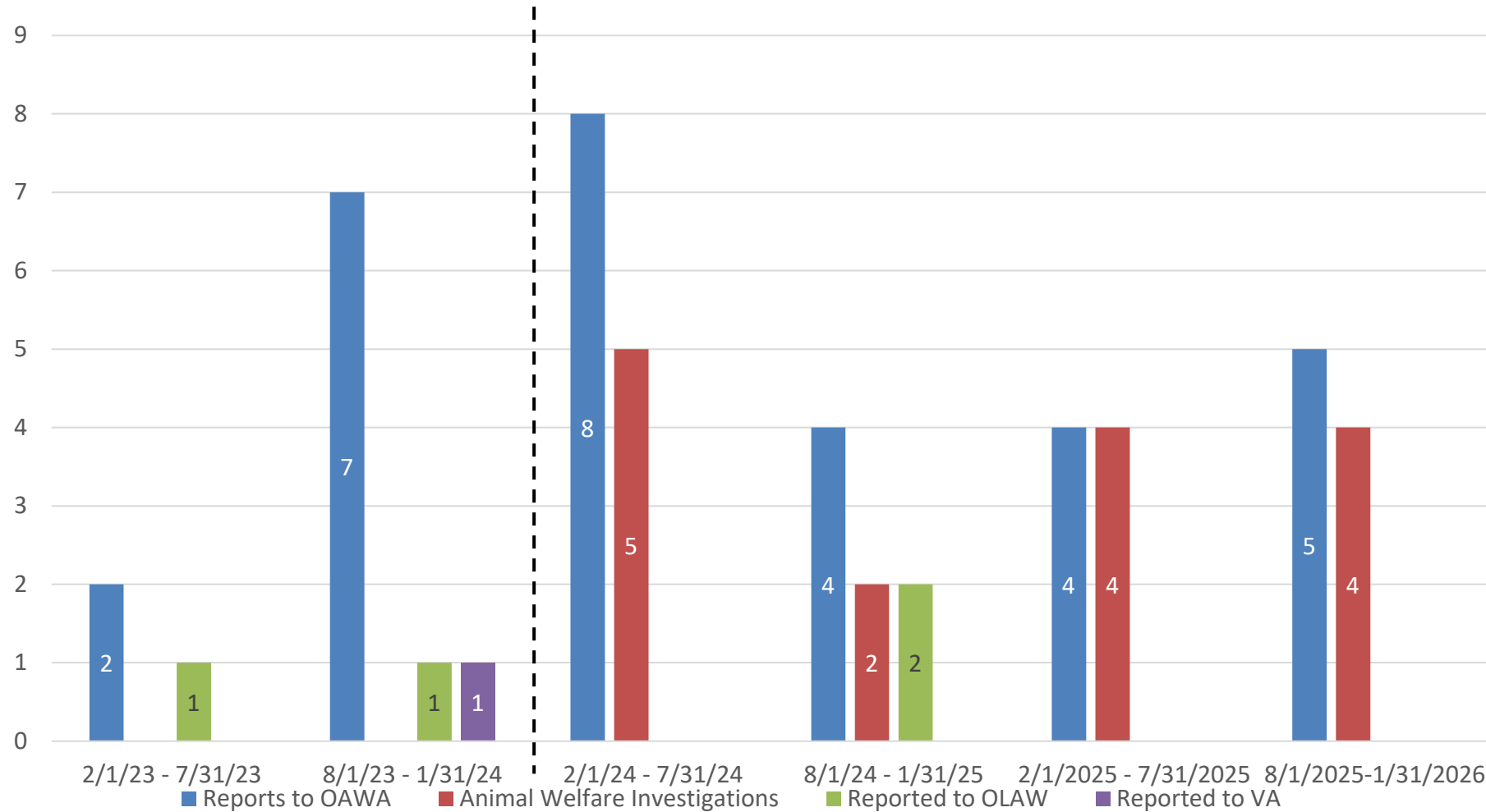
8/1/2025 – 1/31/2026

Source	Reports to OAWA	Animal Welfare Investigations	Reported to OLAW	Reported to VA
Self-Report	1	1	0	0
For Cause	1	1	0	0
PAM Activities	1	1	0	0
Semi-annual Inspection	0	0	0	0
Whistleblower Report	2	1	0	0
Total	5	4	0	0

Semi Annual Inspection Results

IACUC Compliance Reports

8/1/2025 – 1/31/2026



Semi Annual Inspection Schedule

July 2026

Monday July 6	Tuesday July 7	Wednesday July 8	Thursday July 9	Friday July 10
<i>No Inspections</i>	PI Labs PRB, RRB, LH, MRB IV, VUIIS, Large/Small Imaging PI-Managed Satellites: Z-Core, Knapick, Dewar, Chen	PI Labs MCN, MRB III, ESB, VA Animal Facilities ESB, VA PI-Managed Satellites: Creanza, Skaar	<i>Make-up Inspections (if needed)</i>	<i>No Inspections</i>
Monday July 13	Tuesday July 14	Wednesday July 15	Thursday July 16	Friday July 17
<i>No Inspections</i>	DAC Facilities Wilson Hall, IAF, Barrier, Neuro, PRB	DAC Facilities MCN II 7 th & 8 th floors, MCN I, TPSR, SR Light	<i>Make-up Inspections (if needed)</i>	<i>No Inspections</i>



Last Visit
USDA FY25 Annual Inspection
December 16, 2024
No items of non-compliance.

USDA Inspections are unannounced and can happen at any time.

Next annual inspection is anticipated before Sept. 30, 2026.

For cause inspections may occur if complaints are filed.

A new Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO) has been assigned to VH/VU

Dr. Richard Burdeaux

Diplomate of ABVP, Avian. 2012 graduate of UTK, has been working in small animal/exotic practice in Knoxville. Started with USDA in March 2026.

We anticipate this first inspection may take longer than previous visits as the new VMO learns about our program and unique research models.














ARIES Tip: Protocol Notes

- New feature recently added, aka "sticky notes"
- **Purpose:** Allows OAWA, IACUC, or DAC to leave notes or comments on your protocol to notify PIs of items that need to be addressed when submitting amendments or de novos
- **Examples:**
 - Requests from vets to address unexpected phenotypes, health concerns, or substance administration changes
 - Requests from PAMs to improve protocol accuracy or clarity
 - Requests from reviewers on any outstanding items that should be addressed in subsequent submissions
- Notes will be tracked by OAWA to assure they are addressed. PIs/authors will have read access for notes

Protocol Notes

Search for the Active protocol you want and click on the content menu option arrow → then status

	M1700122-02	Research	Active	Regulation of lung remodeling
		Research	Active	Mechanisms of alveolar remodeling
		Research	Active	Mechanisms of pulmonary hypertension
		Research	Active	Thromboxane Receptor Signaling

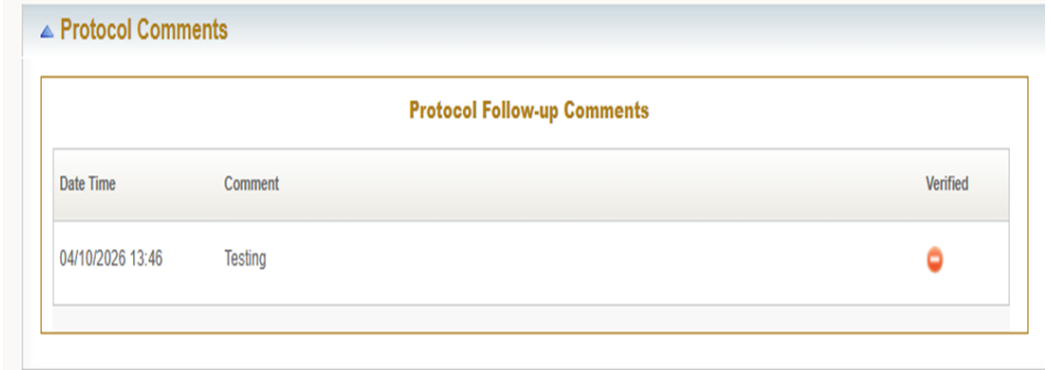
-  View
-  Cage Cards
-  Create Amendment
-  Create Copy to Draft
-  Status
-  Create Protocol Transfer
-  Print

Protocol Notes

From the Status page, locate the Protocol comments box.

- Comments will reflect concerns that will need to be addressed during the next amendment or de novo review.

IACUC will mark the comment as verified and marked by a green check mark once the protocol has been reviewed and approved with the necessary changes.



Protocol Comments

Protocol Follow-up Comments

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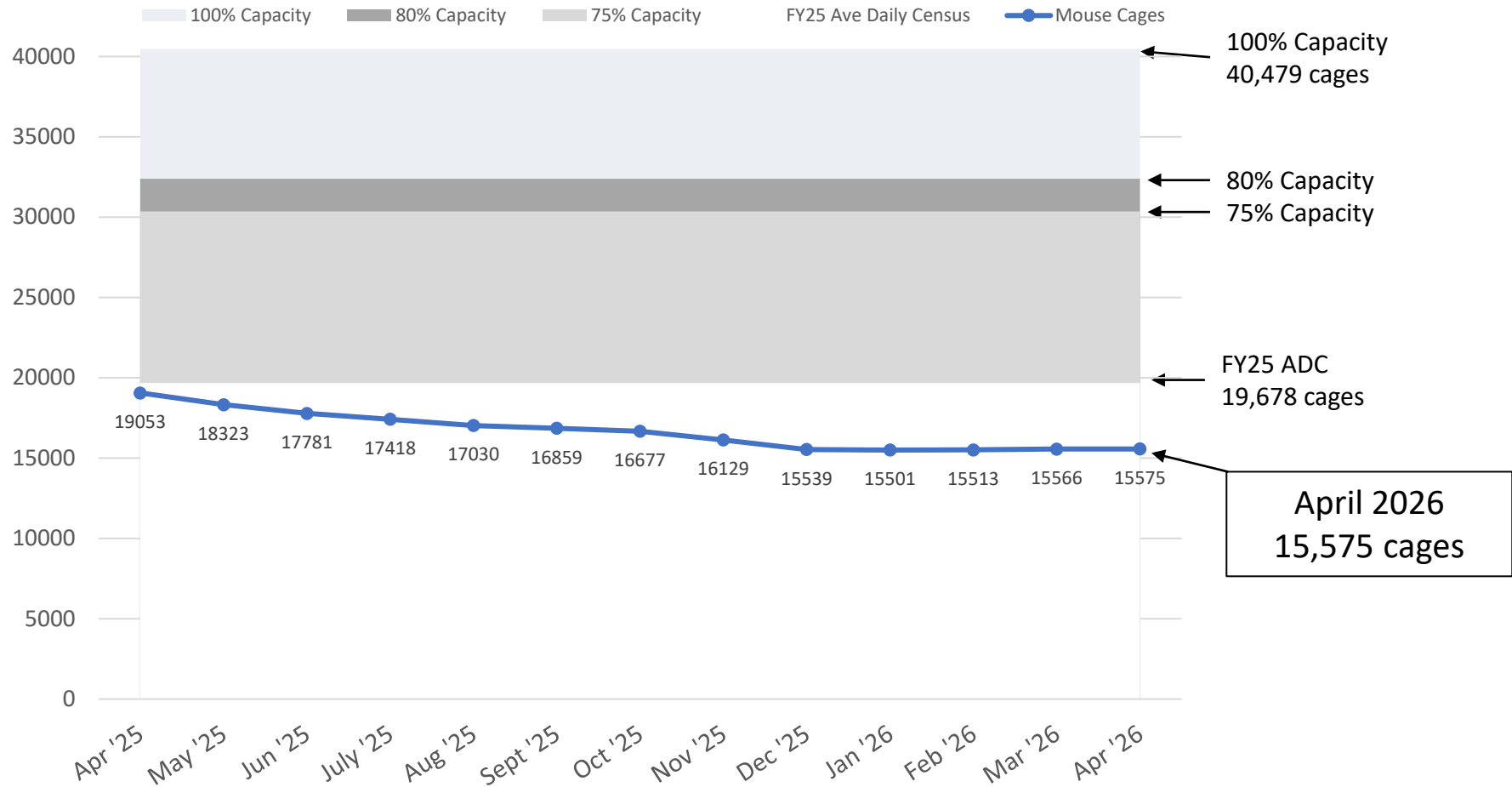
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ALL comments will need to be addressed during amendments or de novo review before approval.

Division of Animal Care Updates

Census Update

Average Daily Census by Month - Mouse Cages



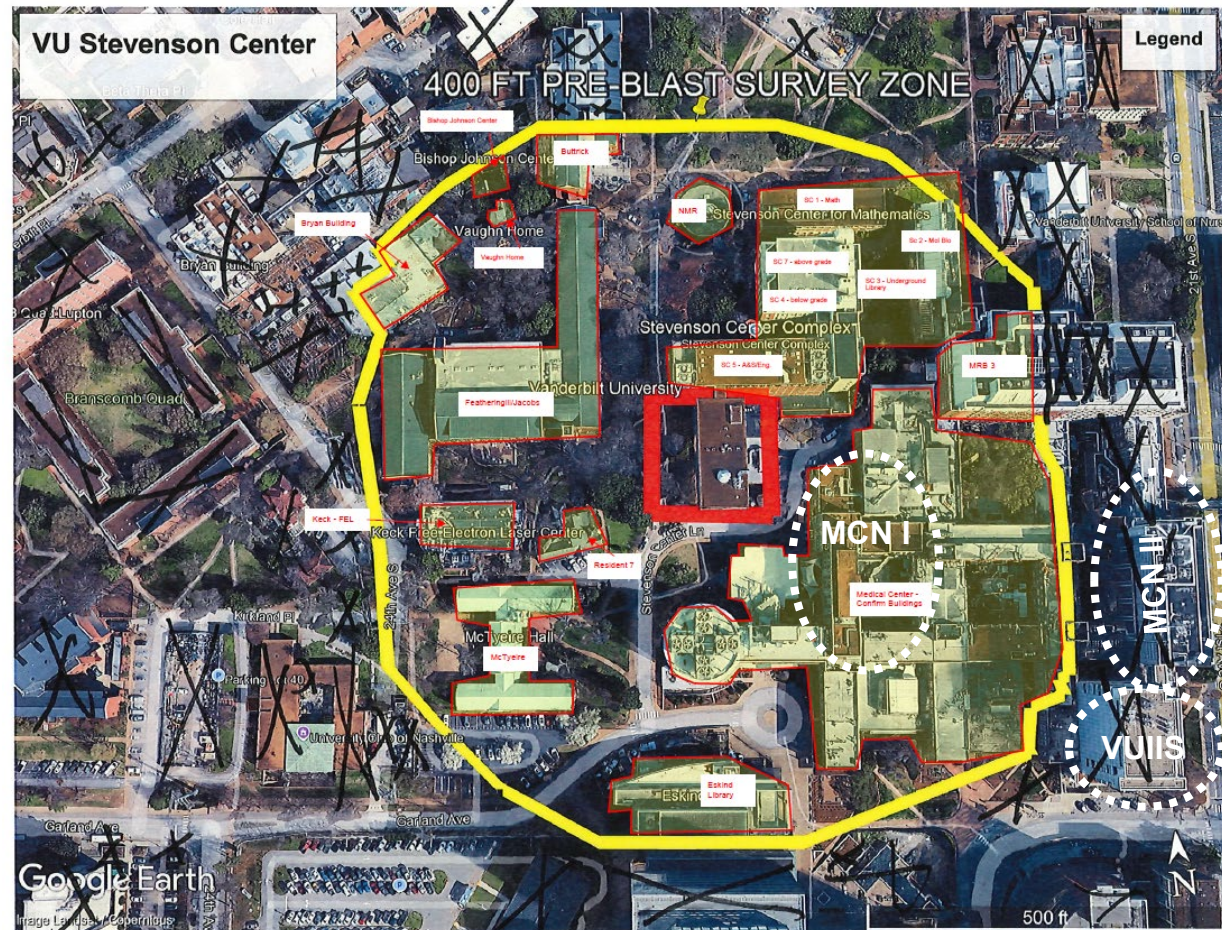
DAC Master Plan Update

- Intended to guide the alignment of future-state capabilities, recommendations, executable priorities, capital investments and operational staffing needs within the next 5-10 years
- **Phase II - Future State Opportunities and Priorities**
 - Alignment of the VUMC/VU strategic mission and goals
 - Development of a roadmap for the long-range transformation required to support future research at Vanderbilt
 - Will be complete by end of the fiscal year for presentation to senior leadership
 - Information to be shared with users in the new fiscal year

Construction Update – SC6

Blasting

- Start: Monday, May 18
- Duration: Through mid-Aug
- Timing: Weekdays
9:00am to 3:00pm
(typically, 9, 11, or 1)



REMINDER

Contact DAC Veterinarians if you experience any unanticipated adverse consequences resulting in animal welfare concerns or death.

****This is especially important when working with USDA species.**



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Save the Date



The next ACUP Quarterly
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August 27, 2026