



Campus Administrative Policy

Policy Title: **Food and Drink Policy**

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Applies to: CU Anschutz Medical Campus
CU Denver Campus

A. Introduction

Eating, drinking, applying cosmetics, or any activities that increase the ingestion of hazardous chemical, radioactive, or infectious materials (the “Materials”) are prohibited in areas where these Materials are used.

B. Policy Statement

1. On the CU Denver campus, a physical barrier is required between areas permissible for food storage and/or consumption and laboratory space, including academic, research, and as applicable, clinical laboratories.
2. At the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, with the “open lab design,” no food or drinks are permitted beyond the card access doors unless:
 - a. Additional refrigerators in the Linear Equipment Corridor have been designated and labeled as “for food storage only,”
 - b. Preparation and consumption of food and drink is in a designated office area separated by a closed door from any work with Materials. The area must be clearly designated as safe for food storage and/or consumption.
 - c. Food and drink must be stored and transported in sealed containers.
3. Food and drink cannot be stored in refrigerators, cold rooms or ice chests that contain any Materials. Storage of food and drinks is prohibited except in designated break areas away from laboratories.
4. Cups, water bottles, and other food and drink items are not allowed in laboratory modules, alcoves, or procedure rooms.
5. Food stored in the laboratory that is used for research purposes must be labeled “Not for human consumption.”

C. Definitions

Linear Equipment Corridor – encapsulated within the secure laboratory barrier, a linear equipment corridor provides both access to the labs as well as space for supporting equipment, thereby lessening noise within the research suites.

Notes

1. Dates of official enactment and amendments:
Enacted by the Chancellors, CU Anschutz, and CU Denver
December 21, 2018: Reviewed and Revised
2. History:
September 10, 2018: Edited to reflect a Campus-wide effort to recast and revitalize various Campus policy sites into a standardized and more coherent set of chaptered policy statements organized around the several operational divisions of the university.
December 21, 2018: Reviewed and updated as part of the fall 2018 semi-annual review process—still valid, some clarifying changes made.
3. Initial Policy Effective Date: Unknown
4. Cross References/Appendix:
These policies are in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Laboratory Biosafety Level Criteria* and our RAM license.
 - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Laboratory Biosafety Level Criteria*](#)
 - RAM license (contact CU Denver | Anschutz Office of Environmental Health & Safety)