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# **Veterinary Isolation Labs**

Infectious diseases cost Minnesota

### MILLIONS in lost livestock

## BUILT IN 1958

the U of M's veterinary isolation labs do not meet biosafety standards

TO SECURE OUR HEALTH AND ECONOMY, WE'RE CONTROLLING INFECTIOUS DISEASES THAT ARE SHARED BETWEEN ANIMALS AND HUMANS.



of emerging infectious diseases are shared between animals and humans

Mechanical and structural deficiencies of the U of M's veterinary isolation labs increase operational costs and limit research The U of M's College of Veterinary Medicine serves our state's citizens and animal populations by identifying and monitoring emerging diseases, developing new diagnostic methods, and preparing the next generation of veterinary scientists. This project will augment the work of the college's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, a national leader in protecting animal and human health



## **Veterinary Isolation Lab**

#### **Project Description**

Replace two obsolete veterinary isolation laboratories with a new biocontainment facility in St. Paul including large and small animal holding spaces

10,000 square feet to house large animals 20,000 square feet of high biosafety level laboratory spaces Located to promote collaboration on core services

Benefits

#### Become a leader in infectious diseases research

- Attract renowned faculty
- Secure more research grants
- Facilitate collaborative research among departments

#### Protect the health of Minnesotans and livestock

- Create new diagnostic tests and surveillance systems
- Develop new vaccines and treatments

## State investment: \$18 million

- University funding: \$9 million
- Total project cost: \$27 million



HVAC/plumbing: Inadequate HVAC and plumbing limit the scope and timing of critical research.



Corroded floor: Building surfaces are deteriorating and cannot withstand proper sanitation.

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