

CHAPTER X: SELECT AGENTS AND TOXINS

The federal government has published a list of infectious agents and biological toxins that it strictly regulates due to their potential for use as bioterror agents. Shipping, manipulation, and even possession of these “Select Agents” are heavily regulated at the Federal and Institutional level. Currently, the only work with Select Agents at the University of Chicago occurs at the Howard Taylor Ricketts Laboratory on the campus of Argonne National Laboratory. There are no Select Agents that are currently approved for use at the Hyde Park campus.

For more information about the National Select Agent Program, including a list of the agents that are currently regulated, please visit this site:

<http://www.selectagents.gov/index.html>

If you think you may be in possession of agents on this list or intend to study them, please contact the Office of Biological Safety.