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# Infectious Disease Research and One Health Education Programs

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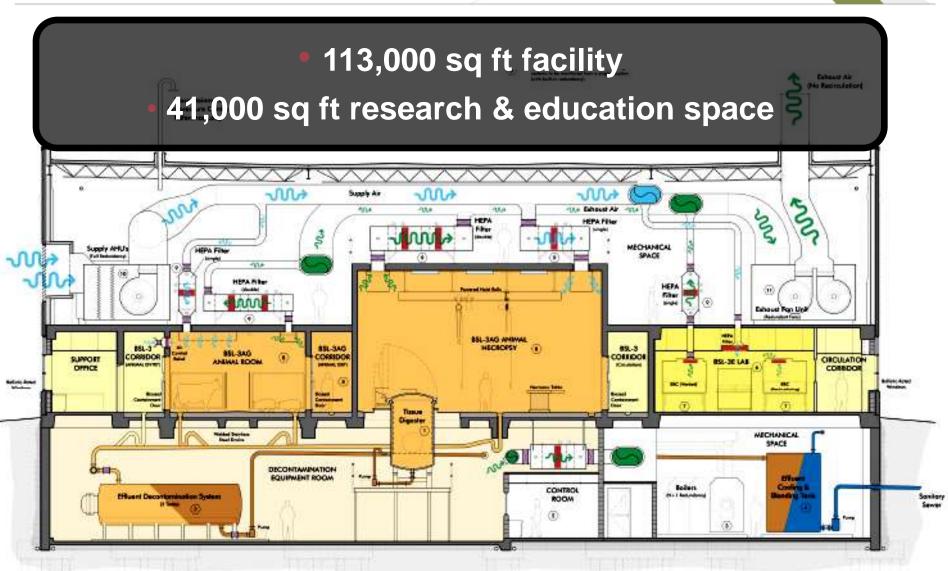


## **BRI at Pat Roberts Hall**

BSL-3 and BSL-3Ag research on animal, plant, and zoonotic diseases













#### **BSL-3 Laboratories**

Organisms are handled safely in biosafety cabinets



14 Research labs7 Support labs



## **Small Animal Vivarium**

- Ventilated cages for mice, rats, and other small animals in a racking system
- Animals can be handled in a biosafety cabinet





# Large Animal Research Space

- •BSL-3Ag
  - Capacity for horses, cattle, swine, goats, etc.
  - » 21 compression seal gas tight doors
  - » 9 air gasket seal gas tight doors
  - Animal room is the containment vessel





# **Food Safety Research**

- USDA-style animal slaughter and processing floor and associated research space under BSL-3
- Allows deliberate contamination of a carcass for studies
  - » Detection
  - » Decontamination



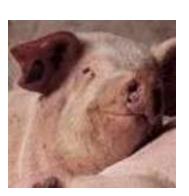


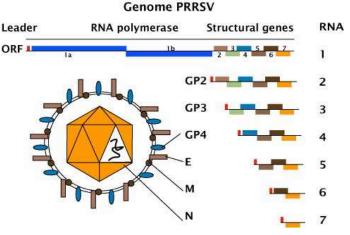
# **BRI Infectious Disease Research Projects**

- Food safety research with Bacillus anthracis (anthrax vaccine strain) study—underway— Dr. Oberst
- 1st animal study—porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome virus & porcine circovirus—completed—Drs. Hesse and

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# **Current and Pending Research**

- Wheat blast (Drs. Valent, Bockus, Stack, and Tang) in progress
- H1N1 and swine influenza in pigs and mice (Dr. Richt)
- Exotic bluetongue, West Nile Virus (ABADRU researchers)
- Brucella vaccine trial (Dr. Ficht)
- Rift Valley Fever Virus vaccine trial and diagnostic studies (Dr. Richt and ABADRU)
- Avian influenza (Dr. Richt)



# **BRI Research and Sustainability**

- Research is expensive but dealing with disease outbreaks has a higher \$\$ and environmental cost
- BRI research outcomes include development of
  - » Diagnostic tests for animal, zoonotic, and plant diseases
  - » Vaccines and therapies for animal and zoonotic diseases
  - » Disease-resistant plant strains
  - » Safer food-processing methodologies
  - » Educational materials for the biotech workforce



# Integration of Research and Education

- K-State's land-grant mission means bringing basic and applied research to the public through educational programs
- BRI Integrated
   Training Suite
  - » Training for scientists and staff
  - » Distance and continuing ed
- One Health Kansas educational programs



#### **One Health Kansas**

- Promotes awareness and understanding of the interconnections among human, animal and environmental health
- Will help the citizens of Kansas understand related challenges affecting the health of Kansas children and adults
- Developed by K-State in 2008 with funding from the Kansas Health Foundation



#### ONE HEALTH KANSAS: SPECIFIC AIMS

- Build the pipeline of future public health professionals by extending public health education into K-12 schools, community colleges and undergraduate institutions across Kansas
- Provide broader and more in-depth education for current and future public health professionals to develop workforce capable of addressing emerging and re-emerging zoonotic diseases



#### ONE HEALTH KANSAS

- The goals of ONE HEALTH KANSAS are aligned with the national One Health Commission and the global One Health Initiative
- Thus, ONE HEALTH KANSAS promotes collaboration among veterinary, medical, and public health professionals based at institutions of higher education and within communities.



#### **ONE HEALTH KANSAS Partnerships—at K-State**

- Make a new program sustainable by partnering with established programs having similar or parallel goals
- One Health Kansas was designed to work with existing research/education partners at K-State including
  - » Center for Science Education
  - » CORES: Collaborative for Outreach, Recruitment and Engagement in STEM
  - » Division of Continuing Education
  - » International Food Safety Network
  - » K-State MPH program
  - » K-State Olathe Innovation Campus
  - » K-State Rabies Lab



## **ONE HEALTH KANSAS Partnerships—at K-State**

- K-State faculty expert partners:
  - » Communication of health issues
    - Dr. Doug Powell
    - Dr. Kate Stenske
  - » Basic research on zoonotic diseases/transmission
    - Dr. Cathy Hanlon
    - Dr. Deon van der Merwe
    - Dr. Brad White
    - Dr. Samantha Wisely



#### **ONE HEALTH KANSAS Partnerships—elsewhere**

- KU Institute for Community and Public Health
- Kansas Health Foundation
- Makere University
- Morris Animal Foundation
- North Dakota State University
- University of Pennsylvania
- USAID



## **ONE HEALTH KANSAS Partnerships**

