

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to provide an update on the status of Cell Culture Facility (CCF) services.

Resale Unit Stores and Catalog

The timetable for closure of the CCF resale unit, announced late last year, has been delayed in order to ensure that research is not disrupted and alternative resources are put into place. The Genentech Hall storeroom at Mission Bay will close on June 2; other purchasing options are outlined below. For the next month or so, please continue to use the CCF Resale store room at Parnassus. There will be more closure information forthcoming soon.

- Mission Bay Resale: The Cardiovascular Research Institute (CVRI) storeroom at Mission Bay has closed, and the Genentech Hall storeroom will close on June 2. CCF brand media will still be delivered to Mission Bay laboratories* but delivery of all other products will end. To ensure continuity of supply see "Purchasing Options" below.
- Parnassus Resale: The Parnassus location is expected to remain open until appropriate measures are taken to ensure continuity of supply at that location. See "Purchasing Options" below for an update on our progress.

*Note: Since March 31, "CCF brand media" has been available in MyCores under the Media Production Core, not CCF.

Media Production Unit

The Media Production Unit will remain open while we are assessing the feasibility of operating the unit without resale storefronts. As of March 31, all CCF Media Products and Custom Media Products should be ordered through MyCORES (select Media Production Core); orders will be delivered directly to labs at Parnassus, Mission Bay, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFG), Mount Zion and China Basin. For questions, please contact Amy Choi at amy.choi@ucsf.edu or for more information <http://rrp.ucsf.edu/mediaproduction>

Tissue Culture Unit

The Tissue Culture Unit is not affected and will continue to offer cell culture, cryopreservation and vial-storage services. Later this year, the Tissue Culture Unit will merge with the ES Cell Targeting Core to create the Cell and Genomics Engineering Core. More information on this merger will come at a later date. Contact Jenn Page for questions at jennifer.page@ucsf.edu.

Purchasing Options

We understand that transitioning operations can present challenges for research. As part of the newly formed Research Supply Chain subgroup of the Research Advisory Board, members of the research community have partnered with the UCSF Supply Chain Management (SCM) team to review supply issues related to the closure of the CCF and to develop purchasing option solutions. These solutions should help with the transition. Here are some of the efforts currently underway:

- CCF product lookup in BearBuy: BearBuy has always been an option for online purchases. We have also added a new function through the BearBuy ordering process to provide further convenience for ordering research products: SCM has cross-referenced the top 400 CCF items available directly from suppliers. Search for the CCF part number to find the same item from one of our suppliers. This functionality is available now.
- Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT) Punch-Out: IDT Primers were available for order in BearBuy as of April 15.
- Mission Bay Supply Centers: Lifetech/Invitrogen Self-Service Supply Centers with 24/7 product availability are available at Mission Bay in Genentech Hall, CVRI and Sandler Neurosciences Center. We are working to update the product mix in the units at Genentech Hall to reflect the CCF user product demands of the Mission Bay campus. We expect to have these units configured with instructions on how to set up accounts in May.
- Parnassus Supply Centers: We are working with Facilities Services to identify an appropriate, accessible location with power, Internet and seismic bracing capabilities to house these units. A site walkthrough was conducted with the hopes of having a location configured and available in late spring/early summer.

If you have any questions, please contact Greg Macway in Supply Chain Management at Greg.Macway@ucsf.edu.

Sincerely,

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