

## ***Francisella novicida***

**Hazards:** *Francisella novicida* rarely causes human illness. Cases that do occur are associated with patients who are immune compromised or have other underlying health problems. Symptoms in immune compromised individuals may include fever and the quick onset of other cold-like symptoms. Swollen lymph nodes have also been reported.

**Risks:** Because *F. novicida* infection in humans is so rare, common routes of transmission are not known. After administration to the animals, the risk of exposure to *F. novicida* from handling the animals during cage change or bedding disposal is low.

**Precautions:** Wear PPE during cage changes (gloves, gown, and booties). Use a biosafety cabinet during cage changes. Follow ABSL-2 procedures for bedding disposal. Wash hands after work.

**Emergency Response:** In the event of an accidental needlestick, stop working, wash the injured area for 15 minutes, tell your supervisor, and report to Occupational Medicine. If you are working in this area and develop symptoms, tell your supervisor and report to Occupational Medicine. Potential exposures and illnesses must be reported to EHRS by your supervisor or manager.