Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
Clemson University

POLICY #26: INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC)
POLICY FOR ANIMAL FACILITY BIOSECURITY

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to set a minimum biosecurity standard for people entering Clemson University animal facilities.

Policy Statement: Because people can carry animal pests and diseases into animal facilities, all personnel entering Clemson University animal facilities must follow certain measures to protect against inadvertent transfer of pathogens to animals. The minimum standards presented in this policy must be followed at all Clemson University animal facilities. Each facility also has an individual biosecurity SOP that must be followed. Additionally, as disease outbreaks occur within the US or abroad, biosecurity may need to be more restrictive until the risk of disease transmission has subsided. Contact the University Veterinarians for guidance on the current situation.

Travel outside the United States:

People traveling outside the United States must be back in the United States a minimum of five days before they can be allowed on any Clemson University animal facility. The five days begin when the person physically returns to the US.

Travel to non-Clemson University animal facilities in the United States:

People traveling to non-Clemson University farms, ranches, slaughter houses, zoos, petting zoos, rodeos, farm shows, safaris, laboratory animal facilities, non-human primate facilities, etc., within the United States will at a minimum shower, change clothes, and change footwear prior to arrival at a Clemson University animal facility.

Travel between Clemson University animal facilities:

People moving among the Clemson University animal facilities must change/clean outerwear and footwear between each facility as appropriate to the species and the task.

Visitors:

Visitors pose a special risk since they are often unaware of the potential for disease transmission from humans to animals. Unnecessary visitors should not be allowed into the animal facilities. If visitors must be allowed to enter a facility, facility management must inquire about recent contact with animals that could pose a threat to the animals on Clemson University facilities. Based on the situation, management should decide whether to restrict visitors from entering the facility. Each facility should keep a log of all visitors.