

Clemson University
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

Policy Number: 3.9

Policy Title: Animal Facility Biosecurity

Section 1: Purpose

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

Section 2: Scope

This policy sets the biosecurity requirements for animal facilities that are inspected semiannually by the IACUC. Facilities may have their own Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that outline additional biosecurity measures. These SOPs must be followed in addition to this policy.

In the event an animal disease outbreak occurs that has the potential to affect University animals, minimum biosecurity measures may change and are at the discretion of the Attending Veterinarian.

Section 3: Policy

Due to potential pathogen transmission, all personnel and visitors entering University animal use areas must adhere to measures that protect the health and welfare of the animals in that facility.

Travel Outside of the United States

Personnel or visitors that have traveled outside of the United States are not allowed into University animal facilities within 5 days of their entry into the country. This is a requirement regardless of contact with animals while outside of the US.

Travel to Non-Clemson Animal Facilities within the United States

Personnel or visitors that have traveled to non-Clemson farms, ranches, slaughter houses, zoos, petting zoos, rodeos, farm shows, safaris, laboratory animal facilities, non-human primate facilities, etc., within the US 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

Personnel and visitors moving between University animal facilities must change or clean outerwear and footwear before entering each facility as appropriate to the species and the task.

Visitors to Animal Facilities

If visitors must enter an animal facility, management should inquire about recent contact with animals. Based on the situation and the visitor's response, management can grant or withhold access to the facility.

Each facility should keep a log of all visitors. All visitors should be accompanied by facility personnel at all times and direct animal access must be prohibited.