

School Policy on Biosecurity Precautions to be Followed by PVM Students, Faculty, Staff, and Visitors* Returning from International Travel to Prevent Introduction of Foreign Animal Diseases

** The term "visitors" includes ANY persons other than students, faculty, and staff entering the PVM Complex, ADDL, or farms. The PVM Complex includes Lynn Hall and all outbuildings and facilities.*

- **As veterinary professionals, we must be leaders in protecting our country from high consequence diseases.**
- **Complying with this policy is critical to preventing introduction of known and emerging diseases to our country.**
- **These requirements should be considered standard precautions before contact with ANY animals or animal premises after returning from international travel.**
- **These precautions are consistent with recommendations by the USDA.**

1. General requirements for all people who have traveled outside of the United States or Canada within the past 5 days (120 hours)

- Clothing worn overseas should be laundered/dry cleaned prior to leaving the foreign country if possible. All traveling clothes must be laundered or dry cleaned immediately upon return to the United States.
- All dirt and soil should be removed from shoes and personal items (i.e. watches, cameras, laptops, jewelry, and cell phones) by thorough cleaning prior to wiping with cloth dampened with a bleach solution. (5 teaspoons of household bleach in 1 gallon of water, or another approved disinfectant).
- All animal and plant food products originating outside of the U.S. or Canada must be declared at customs. Uneaten food should not be removed from international aircraft. These food items should absolutely not be brought into the PVM Complex or farms or fed to animals housed within or outside of the PVM Complex or farms.
- Animal products (tissues, blood, etc.) originating from countries outside the U.S. and Canada should NOT be brought to the PVM Complex or farms, except under USDA license and with the permission of the Chair of the PVM Infectious Disease Committee.
- Live animals originating from countries outside the U.S. and Canada should NOT be brought to the PVM Complex or farms, unless they have completed proper quarantine requirements and have been cleared by the appropriate regulatory veterinarian.
- Individuals showing clinical signs of illness on return or shortly thereafter should not return to work or school until symptom-free for 24 hours or until cleared by a physician..

2. IN ADDITION to the above requirements, people who have visited a BioSafety Level 3 or 3+ laboratory (e.g. Plum Island), or have traveled outside of the United States or Canada within the past 5 days (120 hours) AND HAD CONTACT WITH ANIMALS (including livestock, birds, horses, zoo animals, pet store animals, wildlife, and laboratory animals) OR ANIMAL SECRETIONS, EXCRETIONS OR PRODUCTS, OR ANIMAL PREMISES (i.e. zoos, veterinary hospitals, laboratories, pet livestock-owning homes) while outside the United States or Canada will have the following restrictions.

- Stethoscopes and other medical equipment used overseas should be cleaned and decontaminated prior to use once you return.
- Clothing and footwear worn on animal premises in high risk countries (see www.oie.int) should not be brought back to the United States.
- Medical equipment and supplies used on animal premises in high risk countries that cannot be cleaned and decontaminated should not be brought back to the United States.
- Access to the PVM Complex, the ADDL, and farms will be restricted for 5 days (120 hours) after contact with animals or animal premises outside the US or Canada.
Restricted areas include the ADDL and all animal areas and areas housing animal-related equipment (hospital areas, vehicles, ambulatory garage, paddocks, dog-walking areas/runs, and isolation, research animal housing, etc.) in the PVM complex.