

School Policy on Biosecurity Precautions to be Followed by SVM 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 SVM Complex, ADDL, or farms. The SVM 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 SVM Complex or farms or fed to animals housed within or outside of the SVM Complex or farms.
- Animal products (tissues, blood, etc.) originating from countries outside the U.S. and Canada should NOT be brought to the SVM Complex or farms, except under USDA license and with the permission of the Chair of the SVM Infectious Disease Committee.
- Live animals originating from countries outside the U.S. and Canada should NOT be brought to the SVM 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 SVM 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 SVM complex. **Appendix A** denotes restricted areas within Lynn Hall. Office space outside of the restricted area and alternative work areas will be provided for affected personnel as needed.

3. Travel forms

- SVM employees will be required to fill out vacation (Form 33A Request for Absence from Campus) and travel (Form 17 Request Authority to Travel on University Business) forms indicating that they will comply with the SVM Biosecurity Precautions before they leave for international locations. (See the SVM Business Office or departmental offices for forms.)
- SVM students will be required to sign a form stating that they have read this policy and agree to comply.

4. Enforcement of Policy

- Department heads and Directors will be responsible for enforcement of this policy.

5. Particular situations will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Queries and requests are to be directed to the Office of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

6. Tour Policy

Visitor Information Center Staff (44636) will be notified of the policy. Touring parties should receive a copy of our visitor policy form (below) at the time each tour is scheduled. Tour groups will not be allowed in LA wards, SA wards, ICU rooms or hallways, isolation, MRI facility, or occupied treatment/exam rooms. This applies also to students and all SVM employees giving both formal and informal tours. Tour groups and individuals must be made aware of and comply with this policy.

Visitor Policy Form (Available from the Building Deputy):

The School of Veterinary Medicine is taking precautions to protect SVM animals from foreign animal diseases. As a result:

Anyone who has traveled outside of the United States or Canada **AND HAS 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 (zoos, veterinary hospitals, laboratories, pet livestock-owning homes) while outside the United States or Canada** within the past 5 days (120 hours) prior to their planned visit to the School of Veterinary medicine **WILL NOT** be eligible to accompany the group.

Please inform everyone of the precautionary measure and fill out the form below. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause. Thank you for your help in this matter.

All tour members have agreed to and are abiding by the policy stated above.

Signature of tour group leader

Date

7. Signage

Building Deputies will post signage at key entrances.

WARNING: DO NOT ENTER THIS BUILDING IF YOU HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH ANIMALS OR ANIMAL PREMISES OUTSIDE OF THE U.S. OR CANADA WITHIN THE PAST 5 DAYS (120 HOURS)

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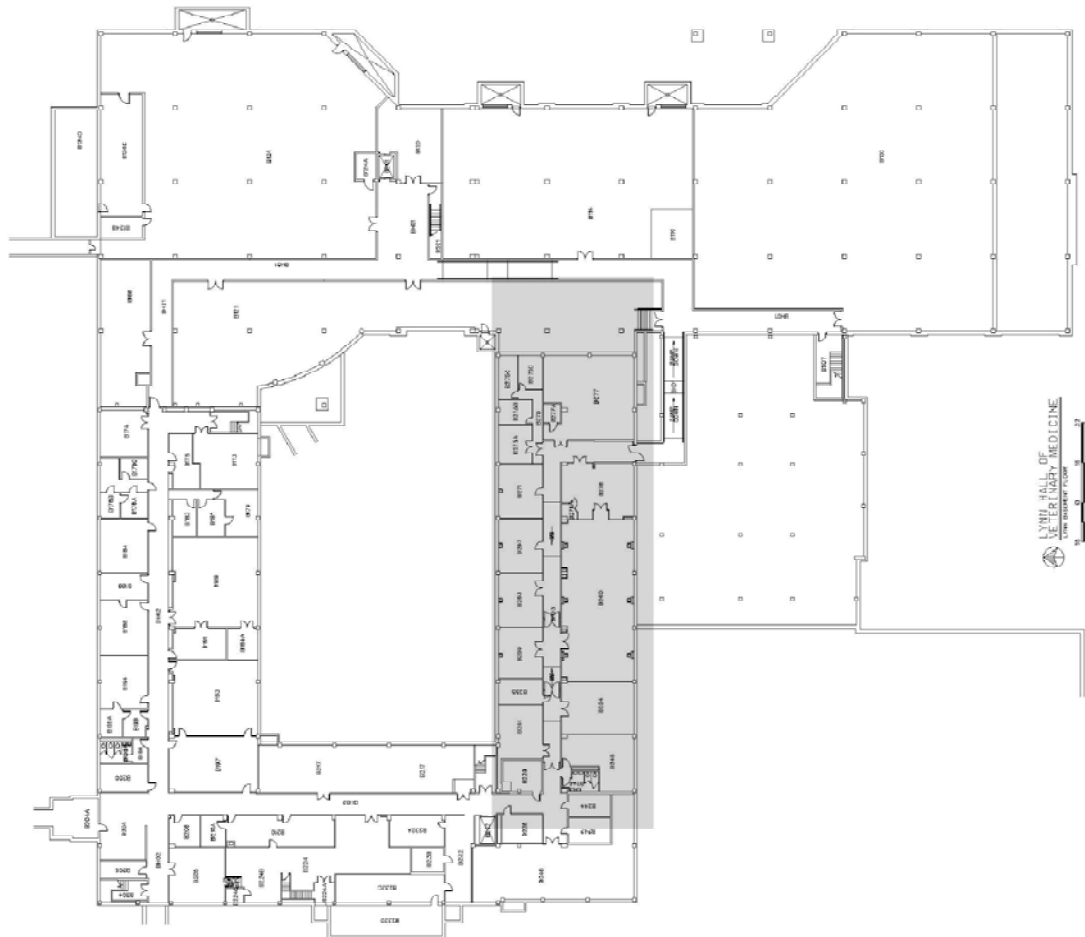
We regret any inconvenience this may cause. **Please contact the Office of the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, (494-9185; LYNN 1176) for further information.**

8. Informing clients:

- Receptionists and clinicians are responsible for informing clients of our policy.
- Clients who have traveled outside of the United States or Canada **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 (zoos, veterinary hospitals, laboratories, pet livestock-owning homes) while outside the United States or Canada** within the past 5 days (120 hours) **CANNOT** enter the SVM complex or ADDL with live animals. These clients will either need to reschedule their appointment or have someone else bring in the animal.
- When phone calls are taken for appointments in the Large Animal Hospital, clients should be asked the reason for the appointment. **If the client states that their animal has vesicles/blisters on the tongue, face, or feet, the animal should not be brought to the SVM complex or ADDL, but should remain at the farm of origin.** The receptionist should immediately contact the Director of the ADDL or the senior pathologist on call at ADDL (494- 7440- 24 hours/day). The Large Animal Hospital Chief of Staff should be notified of the situation.
- **If a client appears at the ADDL or VTH with a live animal showing suspect clinical signs (vesicles/blisters on the tongue, face, or feet) or carrying suspect samples,** the clinician should not unload the animal from the trailer but should instead immediately contact the Director of ADDL or the senior pathologist on call at ADDL (494-7440- 24 hours/day) who will then notify the BOAH for instructions as to what to do next. If the animal has entered the hospital before the clinical signs are noticed, the animal should not be moved until the Director of ADDL or the senior pathologist on call is notified, the BOAH is called, and further instructions are given. A list of regulatory veterinarian contacts is attached (**Appendix B**).

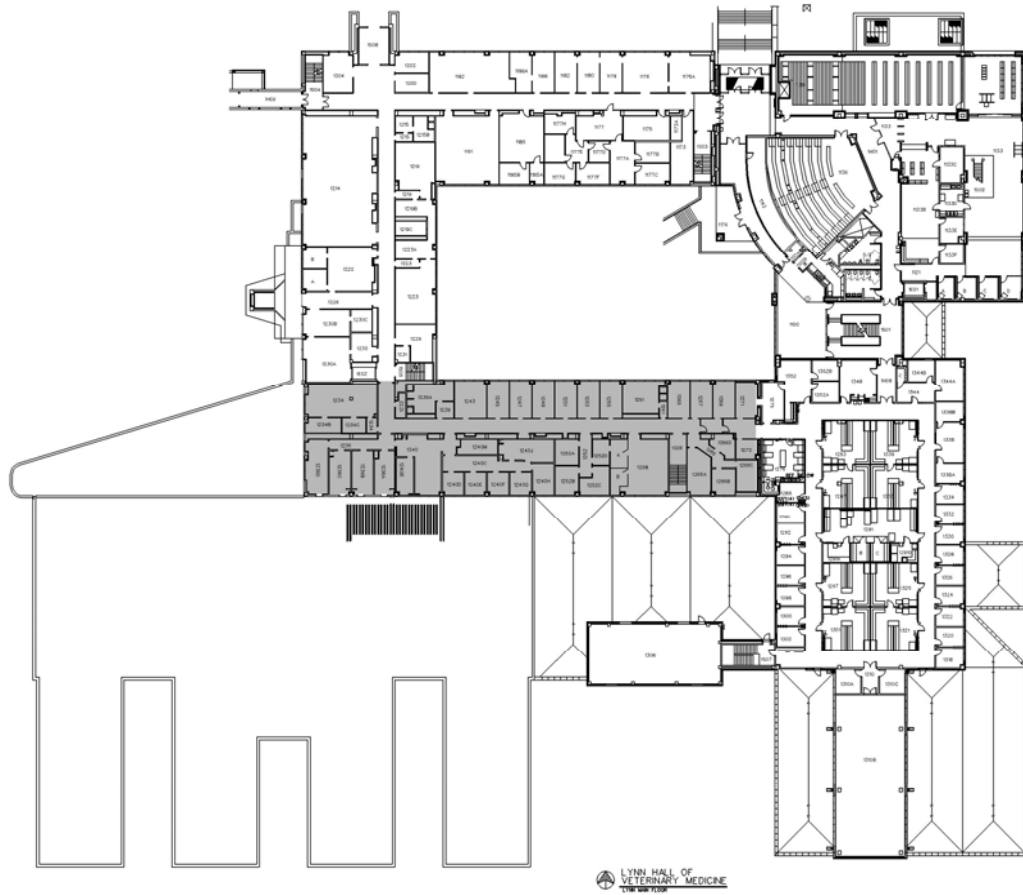
Appendix A Lynn Hall Basement

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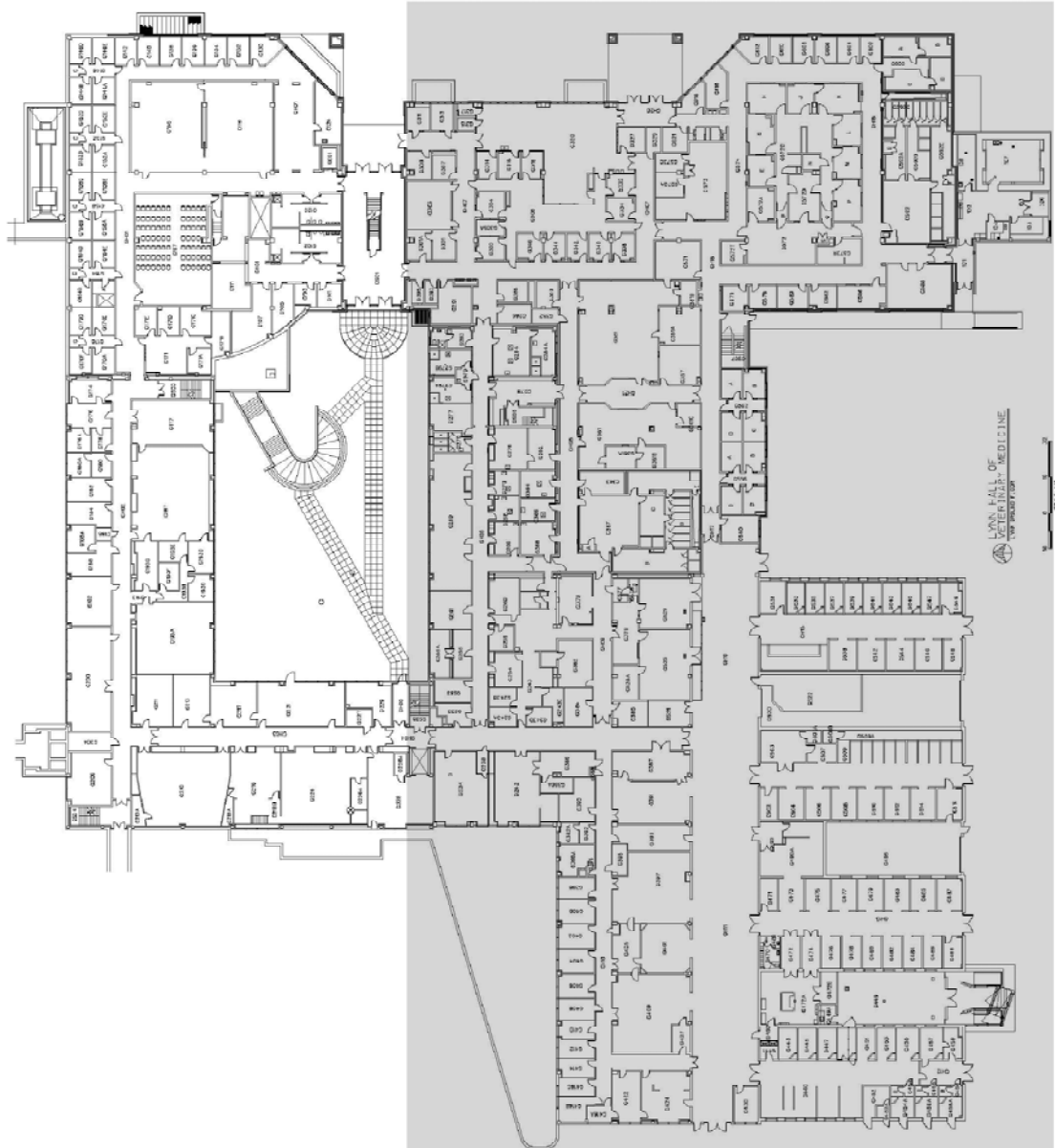
Appendix A Lynn Hall Main Floor

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Appendix A Lynn Hall Ground Floor

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Appendix B. Contact information for ADDL Faculty and Staff

Dr. Frank Wilson (Indiana APHIS Veterinarian in Charge)

- Office phone- 317.290.3100

Dr. Robert Nervig (APHIS Veterinarian of Northern region)

- Cell Phone- 919.247.5530
- Home phone- 919.821.0868

Dr. Jose Diaz (APHIS Veterinarian, Dr. Collazo's supervisor)

- Cell Phone- 919.247.5537
- Home phone- 919.876.6368

Dr. Bret Marsh (Indiana State Veterinarian)

- Office phone- 317.227.0300
- Home phone-317 .571.8736
- Pager- 1.800.7243 PIN1480971, then enter your phone #

Dr. Tom Connor (Director Cattle and Sheep Division of ISBOAH)

- Office phone- 317.227.0315
- Home phone- 317.906.7321

Dr. John Johnston (Director Swine Division of ISBOAH)

- Office phone- 317.227.0310
- Home phone- 317.241.6838