Biosecurity Precautions

*College policy on biosecurity precautions to be followed by CVM students, faculty, staff and visitors* returning from international travel to prevent introduction of foreign animal diseases*

*Includes ANY persons other than students, faculty and staff entering the CVM Complex or farms.

1. General requirements for all people who have traveled outside 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. 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 CVM Complex or farms.
   - Animal products (tissues, blood, etc.) originating from countries outside the U.S. and Canada should NOT be brought to the CVM Complex or farms, except under USDA license and with the permission of the Chair of the CVM Infectious Disease Committee.
   - Live animals originating from countries outside the U.S. and Canada should NOT be brought to the SVM Complex or farms, under any conditions.

2. IN ADDITION, people who have visited a BioSafety Level 3 or 3+ laboratory (i.e. 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 PREMISES (zoos, veterinary hospitals, laboratories, pet livestock-owning homes) while outside the United States or Canada will have the following restrictions.
   - Access to the CVM Complex and farms will be completely restricted for 5 days (120 hours) after contact with animals or animal premises.

These people will be restricted from contact with animals and animal premises or CVM equipment (hospital areas, vehicles, ambulatory garage, paddocks, dog-walking areas/runs, and isolation, etc.).

(Source: VM Administrative Document #29)