

Large Animal Ambulatory Protocols

Protocol for Returning to the Clinic

1. Equipment, samples and accessories should be put in a designated area.
2. Footwear and clothing should be removed and stored on the “dirty” side of the clinic.
3. Hands should be washed or cleaned using hand sanitizer; or veterinarians should shower before transitioning to “clean” clinic attire.
4. Equipment should be cleaned and disinfected or sanitized after use.
5. Periodic cleaning and disinfecting or sanitizing of the whole medical kit should be conducted.
6. Once medical equipment is cleaned and disinfected or sanitized it should be restocked and placed in a clean bin and stored on the “dirty” side of the anteroom, ready for the next visit.

Protocol for Using Anteroom of the Veterinary Facility

The general public, staff and veterinarians and other staff returning from farms should use separate entrances.

Veterinarians and other staff returning from farms:

1. Should enter the clinic through a wash- up area or anteroom which is sufficient size to allow transitioned movement from a dirty area across a delineated barrier to a clean area. The barrier may consist of a visible demarcation on the floor, a bench, a shower or a doorway to a separate room.
2. Should set down medical equipment, samples and accessories on the dirty side of the anteroom on a designated and identified area.
3. Should be clean dirty equipment in a designated area that must go into the facility for further processing or cleaned and returned to the vehicle.

4. Should have access to a sink or hand sanitizer station, located on the dirty side, to be used immediately prior to transitioning from the dirty side of the wash-up area or anteroom to the clean side.
5. Should remove and store footwear and clothing on the dirty¹ side. A bench and closet would be beneficial.
6. Should have access to a shower located on the dirty/clean border for use during elevated biosecurity periods or according to the clinic protocols.
7. Should move to the clean side of the barrier to change into clean clothing and footwear.
8. Should ensure no unauthorized access to the dirty area by keeping the door locked.
9. Biosecurity warning/instruction signs should be placed in appropriate locations.
10. Vehicles used for farm visits should be parked in designated and clearly identified spots.

Veterinarians Proceeding into the Clinic from the Anteroom

1. Clean working clothes should be put on before entering.
2. A log book should be signed, identifying the veterinarian and date/time of entry.
3. Samples should be taken directly to a designated processing area
4. Use colored dots to identify Infectious/Contagious Status Indicators
5. Equipment requiring further processing after cleaning in the dirty area should be taken for further processing (e.g. autoclaving).

¹ “Dirty” side refers to the area in the entrance of the anteroom where the veterinarian washes and changes clothes before entering the “clean” side or interior of the clinic.