

**FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINΕ**

**DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL VETERINARY STUDIES**

**BIOSECURITY GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATIONAL STAFF AND STUDENTS VISITING EQUINE FACILITIES**

**Parking area**

The bus parking area must be located off the facility or in a designated parking area away from animal housing, feed storage, transportation facilities, and waste transport routes. The vehicle must be clean and free of organic matter.

**Educational staff/students**

Educational staff and students must strictly adhere to the protocols to avoid potential risks, both for their personal safety and to prevent the transmission of pathogens. Particular attention will be paid to cases where they visit different establishments in succession. The equipment used is thoroughly disinfected before and after each visit. Consultation with the facility manager is required prior to each visit to inform students and staff of the specific biosecurity requirements of the facility. Access is only possible via a designated entrance. Visitors will be briefed on biosecurity procedures and guidelines before entering.

1. Clothing and shoes:
	1. Visitors should wear clothes dedicated to the premises and respect the care circuit.
	2. Washing and disinfecting shoes or boots should be made compulsory before entering the stables.
	3. Boot wash stations should be clearly visible and accessible.
2. When an infectious disease (EHV, strangles) is suspected, urgent biosecurity measures should be implemented based on bio-exclusion, bio-management and bio-confinement in order to avoid shedding.
3. Washing hands:
	1. It is essential to wash one’s hands in between the handling of individual horses or other equids.
	2. Using disposable single use gloves may be necessary when handling sick horses or other equids.
4. Visitors must declare whether they have visited other equine facilities recently.
5. Smoking, eating, or drinking is strictly prohibited in the stable area and paddocks.

**Entry protocol for educational staff/students**

Educational staff and students enter the facility through a designated area. Where available, footwear is disinfected in a special foot bath to minimize the risk of pathogen transmission.

* The students are advised to wear work overalls and clean rubber boots or shoe covers, before entering the main areas of the plant. Throughout the visit, disposable gloves are used for each task to ensure minimal contact with the yard environment.
* At the end of the visit, the used gloves and other disposable items are collected in special bags and disposed of in a designated area of the farm. The shoes are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with a special solution and brush provided exclusively for this purpose.
* Finally, used coveralls are placed in sealed plastic bags and visitors wash and sanitize their hands before leaving the facility to ensure compliance with biosecurity procedures.
* All personal protective equipment is disposed of in special containers after the visit. Educational staff and students must wash and disinfect their hands before and after entering the stable areas. All equipment used, such as stethoscopes and shoes, must be cleaned and disinfected before and immediately after the visit.
* The transfer of tools or equipment from another yard is not permitted without prior disinfection. At the end of the visit, the used protective equipment must be removed and disposed of in sealed bags and biosafety containers.
* Hands must be washed and disinfected before leaving the facility. If possible, it is recommended to change clothes and footwear before leaving.

**Guidelines during staying in animal areas**

During the visit it must be ensured that:

* Visitor movement is restricted to necessary areas, avoiding unnecessary contact with animals.
* Distance is maintained from sick or vulnerable animals to prevent the spread of pathogens.