



AVS Restricted Access Policy

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AVS operates under Biosafety Level II (BSL II) (moderate potential hazard to personnel and environment) guidelines as set forth by the Centers for Disease Control - National Institutes of Health Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, AVS Occupational Health and Safety manual, and Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) Biosafety program.

ACCESS TO ANIMAL AND VETERINARY SERVICE (AVS) IS LIMITED OR RESTRICTED TO AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY.

The laboratory director shall:

- Establish policies and procedures for entry, based on risk assessment of existing conditions in the laboratory, as well as the status of persons requesting entry.
- Allow only those who have been advised of potential hazards and meet specific entry requirements (e.g. immunization) to enter the laboratory.
- Ensures that personnel receive appropriate training.
- Limits or restricts access to the laboratory when experiments are in progress.

Workplace hazards that may also be encountered under the BSL II conditions such as AVS include physical injuries, musculoskeletal injuries, falls on slippery floors, allergens, human and zoonotic agents, hazardous chemicals, research isotopes, exposure to high noise levels, puncture wounds from sharps. In addition, research animals may be at risk from acquiring disease from unauthorized persons or animals.

JABSOM EHSO's web page details the Minors and High School Students in JABSOM Laboratories. It summarizes that individuals must be at least 16 years old to work in lab space. Under special circumstances individuals under the age of 14 may be allowed to work in a JABSOM lab. Visiting minors between the ages of 14 and 18 who are touring a lab must be under the direct supervision of a JABSOM adult employee who is trained and knowledgeable of the area's hazards.

See *Minors & High School Students in JABSOM Laboratories* for more details.