



## **Policy: Nonhuman Primate Safety and Security**

**Purpose:** Nonhuman primates (NHPs) can carry organisms that infect humans and cause disease (zoonotic infections). Similarly, humans can carry organisms that are harmful to nonhuman primates (anthropozoonotic infection). Therefore, it is essential that all personnel that come in contact with NHPs are enrolled in the Occupational Health Program, appropriately trained, and wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

**Responsibility:** All WaNPRC personnel are expected to abide by this policy and related SOPs. In addition, all WaNPRC personnel are responsible for enforcing this policy and related SOPs.

**Procedures:**

1. Entry to the WaNPRC vivaria is restricted to those persons with key card access or approved escorted visitors. If an unknown person is seen unescorted within the vivarium, all WaNPRC personnel are expected to ask that person for identification, and to ascertain the purpose and appropriateness of the individual's presence in the facility.
2. All personnel within the vivarium are expected to wear PPE as described in applicable SOPs for the area and the task being performed. At a minimum, any person within five feet of an NHP must be wearing a mask, face shield or goggles, outer clothing, shoe covers, and gloves. If anyone is not wearing appropriate PPE, any WaNPRC personnel that see them are expected to remind him or her that appropriate PPE must be worn and ensure that the individual remedies the lack of protective equipment.
3. When NHPs are taken out of the vivarium, responsibility for safety and security falls on the WaNPRC personnel and/or Center representatives escorting the NHP. WaNPRC personnel are expected to ensure that all personnel in the room with the NHP are enrolled in the Occupational Health Program, have received appropriate training, and are wearing appropriate PPE.
4. If a person does not comply with the safety and security instructions from a WaNPRC employee, the incident should be immediately reported to the individual's supervisor and/or the WaNPRC Director's Office..

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