

LAR PPE Changes-2019

1. Shoe Cover Use

- a. Shoe covers or facility specific shoes will no longer be required to enter into vivarium spaces, regular street shoes are fine.
 - i. Closed-toe shoes are required for vivarium entry
 - ii. If street shoes are heavily soiled, clean them off or wear shoe covers
 - iii. Facility shoes (for staff) can be worn back and forth between different buildings, except as noted by specific signage (sheep areas, deer, etc).
- b. Shoe covers may still be required in certain areas-directions will be clearly posted at room entry and shoe covers made available at those locations.

2. Lab Coat Use

- a. Lab coats are no longer required to enter into the vivarium, into non-animal housing spaces such as storage and procedure areas, or into animal rooms with enclosed cages, as long as NO animal handling is occurring.
- b. **Lab coats are required for ALL animal handling, OR if entering into a room where rabbits or rodents are housed in OPEN caging**
 - i. Lab coats will be provided at these locations just inside the door and should be put on as you enter and removed as you leave.
 - ii. Alternatively, you may acquire a lab coat from the front central supply if you plan to handle animals in the vivarium
 - iii. If you are entering a room where someone else has caging open or is handling an animal, you must put on a lab coat as well.
- c. Pay attention to all animal room door signage to prevent confusion.
- d. Lab coats are not required to be used to cover facility scrubs (LAR Staff) when moving outside of/between the vivarium spaces.
- e. Lab coats may still be required in certain areas-directions will be clearly posted at room entry and lab coats will be available at those locations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to an LAR staff member or contact Jessica.ayers@colostate.edu.