Children in Laboratories, Shops, Medical Treatment Areas and Other Hazardous Areas

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It is College policy, as stated in the College of Veterinary Medicine Policy Manual, that children under 14 years-of-age are not permitted entry into laboratories, medical treatment areas, shops, or other potentially hazardous work areas.

Guests and visitors to the College, including all children regardless of age, must sign the visitor sign-in log located at Magruder 105 for visitors entering from the main entrance, and at Magruder 138 for visitors entering at the south entrance. Each visitor entering non-public areas will be issued a visitor badge for identification purposes while in Magruder Hall. All Visitors to non-public areas will be required to provide photo identification, which will be retained by the CVM Business Office for the duration of the visit. Visitors must sign out and return their badges before leaving the College. All visitors are to vacate the facility before posted building closure times unless arrangements are made in advance with the CVM Business Office.

Security and maintenance workers employed by the University are required to present University issued photo identification and sign-in at the CVM Business Office. Such employees wearing University issued identification badges are not issued CVM visitor badges or required to surrender photo identification while in the facilities.

Children must be properly supervised and accompanied by an adult while on CVM grounds and within CVM facilities. Properly supervised children may be provided admittance into the public and other non-hazardous areas of the College. Such areas (e.g., offices, conference areas and reading rooms) must be rooms physically separated from a laboratory, medical treatment, or shop areas. Office areas that are an integral part of a laboratory or medical treatment room are considered as laboratory or medical treatment space.

Instances in which persons under 16 years-of-age are found in hazardous areas (laboratories, shops, etc.) or improperly supervised will be handled in the following manner: Underage persons will be escorted from the area by the Safety Officer or other representative of the College and placed in the custody of a parent or guardian. CVM Safety Officer, Department Head, or other appropriate College representatives will remind the employee of the requirements of this policy and the incident will be reported to the appropriate Department Head or Dean's Office. When necessary, CVM Employees will be granted use of accrued leave to care for child in accordance with University leave policy.

Any exceptions to this policy must be by written permission of the Department Head. The Dean’s Office must receive advance notice of exceptions to this policy. Visits by school tour groups must also be coordinated through the CVM Tour Coordinator who works in conjunction with the CVM Safety Officer to ensure proper safety instructions and protective equipment are provided to visitors.