

**Please Review the Following Information for Individuals Working with Wildlife or Conducting Field Studies.**

- All employees and students should be aware of the potential zoonoses associated with the specific species with which they will be working and may specifically include information on arthropod-borne diseases, especially those transmitted from rodents via fleas and ticks. Species specific zoonoses are available at the [TSU IACUC website](#).
- You should have a current Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccination- records should indicate having received this within the last 10 years.
  - If you experience a significant injury and your vaccination was administered more than 5 years previous, a Td booster is highly recommended.
  - If you have not been vaccinated within the last 10 years, a Td booster is highly recommended.
- A Respiratory Protection Program is available for any employee and/or student working in dusty (dried animal waste, hay/feed, etc.) environment requiring more than a dust mask for respiratory protection. All employees and students working in these environments should consider enrolling in the University's respiratory protection program.
  - This program includes medical exams with an annual physician's statement of medical qualification to wear a respirator and annual respirator fit testing.
  - Visitors should be aware of the nature of the dusts, allergens, irritants and should limit their duration in the area for touring purposes only.
- Employees and students traveling to foreign countries for the purpose of collecting, trapping, and/or obtaining samples from animals should seek information regarding pre-travel immunizations and/or chemoprophylaxis to prevent endemic diseases. Employees and students are encouraged to discuss their health status and planned foreign travel with an occupational health professional.
- All employees and students, collecting, trapping and/or obtaining samples from mammals known to carry or transmit rabies in the U.S. should be specifically provided with pre-exposure rabies immunization.
- All employees and students should be properly trained in trapping and handling techniques specific to the species in which they will be working.
- All employees and students should be aware of the potential physical risks associated with the specific species with which they will be working. Risks may include, but are not limited to, bites and scratches.