

## Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Rules

### 34.05.99.V1 | Smoking and Tobacco Use

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#### **RULE STATEMENT**

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To provide the highest level of protection for the health of all employees and visitors using or working in the Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) facilities and vehicles and to comply with System Policy 34.05, *Smoking*, all TVMDL facilities and vehicles are hereby designated as "smoke free."

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#### **REASON FOR RULE**

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This rule is required by System Policy 34.05, and provides guidelines concerning smoking and tobacco use in TVMDL facilities and vehicles.

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#### **PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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- 1.0 All on-campus employees will follow the Texas A&M University Smoking Rule.
- 2.0 Housing owned by TVMDL will be smoke-free.
- 3.0 Buildings/facilities and vehicles other than those identified in paragraph 2.0 owned or leased by TVMDL will be tobacco free and smoke-free.
- 4.0 Each administrative head of TVMDL off-campus units will ensure the following:
  - 4.1 Notices are posted at each entrance which indicates that the facility is a tobacco-free area.
  - 4.2 An area adjacent to the facility may be designated as a smoking area. The following guidelines may aid in the selection and establishment of an appropriate area:
    - A. The smoking area will be covered, if possible.
    - B. Do not designate an area where non-smokers will be in direct contact with the smoke when entering or exiting a building.
    - C. Provide non-flammable containers with lids for disposal of cigarette or cigar stubs.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

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Tobacco - Means all forms of tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff and chewing tobacco

Buildings/facilities (other than housing) – includes indoor air space including foyers, entryways, individual faculty and administrative offices, sidewalks, shops, covered arenas, animal working facilities, parking lots, walkways, and attached parking structures immediately adjacent to all such buildings and structures

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***RELATED STATUTES, POLICIES, OR REQUIREMENTS***

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[System Policy 34.05](#), *Smoking*

[TAMU Rule 34.05.99.M1](#), *Smoking and Tobacco Use*

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***CONTACT OFFICE***

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Questions regarding this procedure should be referred to the TVMDL Director's Office at 979-845-3414.