The following guidelines have been established for individuals working with Non-Laboratory, High-Risk Mammal Collection:

- You should have a current Tetanus/diptheria (Td) vaccination: (one that can be documented within last 10 years).
  - It is highly recommended that you receive a Td booster if you experience a significant injury and your vaccination was administered more than 5 years previous.
  - It is highly recommended that you receive a Td booster if you have not been vaccinated within the last 10 years.

- A Respiratory Protection Program is available for any employees/students working in dusty (feeds, hay, dried animal waste, etc.) environments 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 (TTU OP 60.05). Visitors should be aware of the nature of the dusts (allergies, ocular/nasal irritation), and exposure should be limited by short duration in the area for touring purposes only.
  - This program includes medical examinations with a yearly physician's statement of medical qualification to wear a respirator.
  - Yearly respirator fit testing is required and is performed by TTU EH&S.

- All employees and students who travel to foreign countries for purposes 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, who collect, trap and/or obtain samples from mammals known to carry or transmit rabies should carefully consider pre-exposure rabies immunization.

- All employees and students should be properly trained in trapping and handling techniques with the particular species with which they will be working.

- All employees and students should be aware of the potential physical risks associated with working the particular species they will be working with. Risks may include, but are not limited to, bites and scratches.

- All employees and students should be aware of potential zoonoses associated with the particular species with which they will be working (species-specific zoonosis information is provided in the next module of this risk evaluation and is also available on the TTU IACUC web page).