The following guidelines have been established for individuals working with Reptiles (native or exotic snakes and lizards):

- You must have a current Tetanus/diphtheria (Td) vaccination: (one that can be documented within last 10 years). (IACUC Policy 23)
  - It is recommended that you receive a Td booster if you experience a significant injury and your vaccination was administered more than 5 years previous.

- Appropriate PPE should be provided where hazards exist.

- All employees and students should be aware of the potential physical risks associated with working the particular species with which they will be working. The risks may include, but are not limited to, bites, scratches, and poison envenomation in the case of venomous reptiles.

- All employees and students should be properly trained in handling techniques with the particular species with which they will be working. For appropriate training, please contact your supervisor.

- All employees and students should be aware of potential zoonosis information for the particular species with which they will be working. (See appendix 9)