

Multi Disciplinary Committee
Sub-Committee on “Limited Services” Veterinary Practice

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Vaccine clinics offer some unique challenges when determining minimum standards. Below are the main areas that we are considering, and some of the questions that we are attempting to address:

'Facilities:'

- 1) There needs to be some discussion and probable inspection of the central facility where the biologics are stored.
 - 2) There needs to be some inspection of the ice chest or whatever storage/transport tools are used at the site of the vaccine clinic.
- 2030 f6: All drugs and biologicals shall be maintained, administered, dispensed and prescribed in compliance with state and federal laws.*

Waste Disposal:

2030 f3: The disposal of waste material shall comply with all applicable state, federal and local laws and regulations.

Transport and Handling of Biologics:

2030 f6: All drugs and biologicals shall be maintained, administered, dispensed and prescribed in compliance with state and federal laws.

Record Keeping

Should be the same as for any other clinic.

VCPR

How is it fulfilled in this setting?

Emergency/Anaphylaxis:

What if an animal has an acute vaccine reaction? Should they be required to have the means to deliver oxygen? Crash kit?

Section 2030 f11 The veterinary premises shall have equipment to deliver oxygen in emergency situations.

2030 f12 Appropriate drugs and equipment shall be readily available to treat an animal emergency.

The small animal mobile clinic language states:

2030.2 A(c) A small animal mobile clinic shall have the ability and equipment to provide immediate emergency care at a level commensurate with the specific veterinary medical services it is providing.

Though this is infinitely vague, it is probably the best language for vaccine clinics.

Contact Veterinarian after clinic with questions

Should contact info be mandated?

Small animal mobile clinic guidelines;

Hot and cold water

110 volt power source for diagnostic equipment

collection tank for waste disposal

lighting that is adequate

table tops that can be cleaned and disinfected

floors covering that can be cleaned and disinfected

For reference, below is a summary of the Florida VMB regulations for a “Limited Service” veterinary practice:

(4) All locations where limited-service veterinary medicine is practiced must have or comply with the following:

(a) Legible sign to identify permit holder.

(b) A clean safe location which allows for the safety of animals and their owners and which is conducive to the handling of animals and consultations with the public. The location shall utilize a method of visibly segregating the vaccination and examination area to deter public access.

(c) Meet local sanitation requirements.

(d) A copy of the Limited Service clinic premise permit displayed.

(e) Shall provide a legible list of the name, address and hours of operation of all facilities that provide or advertise emergency services and when applicable the location of other clinics provided by the same entity on that day, that are located within a 30-minute or 30-mile radius.

(f) Lined waste receptacle.

(g) Fresh, clean running water for cleaning and first aid; disposable towels and soap.

(h) Safe, clean examination work area constructed of a smooth impervious material.

(i) Storage of supplies and equipment to preclude public access.

(j) Separate area for clerical work.

(k) Proper handling of vaccinations, biologics, pharmaceuticals and supplies: Facilities must be provided for proper storage, safekeeping and preparation of pharmaceuticals in accordance with federal, state, and local laws. If controlled substances are on the premises, they must be kept in a locking, secure cabinet for storage and an accurate controlled substance log must be maintained. All pharmaceuticals shall be maintained at the temperature recommended by the manufacturer. A thermometer shall be included where the pharmaceuticals are being stored.

(l) Equipment must be of the type and quality to provide for the delivery of immunization and parasiticides in the best interest of the patient and with safety to the public.

(m) Each limited-service clinic must have the capacity to render emergency care for

hypersensitivity reaction, anaphylaxis, and immediate emergency care of injury to the animals in attendance at the clinic.

(n) Sanitation equipment and solutions.

(o) Proper bio-medical waste handling equipment, registration and procedures.