## Dual Use Research of Concern at Colorado State University

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## What Research Is Subject to the Policy?

 Research that directly involves any of the following 15 agents and toxins – except exclusions

Avian influenza virus (highly pathogenic)
Bacillus anthracis
Botulinum neurotoxin (in any quantity)
Burkholderia mallei
Burkholderia pseudomallei
Ebola virus
Foot-and-mouth disease virus
Francisella tularensis
Marburg virus
Reconstructed 1918 Influenza virus
Rinderpest virus
Toxin-producing strains of Clostridium botulinum
Variola major virus
Variola minor virus
Yersinia pestis

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## **CSU and DURC**

- 2009 CSU added DURC question to Project Approval Request Form
- 2012 Two papers published on Gain of Function of H5N1 HPAIV
- 2012 USG Overssight policy on DURC
- 2014 Institutional policy for DURC
- 2015 CSU added more detailed query to PARF regarding DURC

- At CSU the "Institutional Review Entity" will be our existing IBC
- Institutional Contact for Dual Use Research (ICDUR) - VP for Research
- Investigators are notified of their responsibilities through the IBC protocol system
  - 1200 protocols per year
  - Checklist of the 7 "experimental effects" which defaults to "YES"

## Issues to Be Resolved

- Agents that have potential DURC but are not on the list?
- Gain of Function (GOF) research for many agents (antimicrobial resistance, host range)?
- Research issues similar to the Australian "mouse pox" research (accidental GOF)?
- "How to" publications such as Botox in the milk supply?