

WAC 296-823-18020 Make sure these special practices for personal protective equipment (PPE) and other safeguards are followed. (1) You must make sure appropriate personal protective clothing is used in work areas and animal rooms. Examples of appropriate personal protective clothing include:

- (a) Laboratory coats;
- (b) Gowns;
- (c) Smocks;
- (d) Uniforms.

(2) You must decontaminate protective clothing before it is laundered.

(3) You must make sure employees remove protective clothing before leaving their work area.

(4) You must take special care to avoid skin contact with other potentially infectious materials (OPIM).

(5) You must wear gloves when handling infected animals and when you can not avoid making hand contact with OPIM.

(6) You must conduct all activities involving OPIM in biological safety cabinets or other physical-containment devices within the containment module. No work with OPIM must be conducted on the open bench.

(a) Appropriate certified biological safety cabinets (Class I, II, or III) or personal protection or physical containment devices must be used for all activities with OPIM that pose a threat of exposure to droplets, splashes, spills, or aerosols.

(b) Appropriate personal protection and physical containment devices include:

- (i) Special protective clothing;
- (ii) Respirators;
- (iii) Centrifuge safety cups;
- (iv) Sealed centrifuge rotors;
- (v) Containment caging for animals.

(c) Biological safety cabinets must be certified when installed or moved, and at least annually.

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