

Personal Protective Equipment

Gear Up for Safety!

Proper personal protective equipment (PPE) use will minimize your exposure to physical, biological, and chemical hazards. ***Always use PPE with other controls when possible.***

Standard PPE

1. **Safety Glasses:** Worn when infectious splashes or droplets may contact eyes. Disinfect after use.
2. **Face Shield:** Worn over mask for extra protection from infectious splashes or droplets. Disinfect the face shield after use.
3. **Medical Mask:** Worn when caring for patients with suspected respiratory illnesses and during aseptic procedures. Dispose after use
4. **Gloves:** Worn when hands might be exposed to blood, bodily fluids, or contaminated surfaces. Dispose after use
5. **Fluid Resistant Gown:** Worn when clothing or skin might be exposed to blood or bodily fluids. Dispose after use

Other PPE as needed

1. **Cryogenic Gloves:** Worn when dispensing liquid nitrogen from a dewar. Air dry and store on a designated rack after use.
2. **N95 Mask:** Worn for increased protection against bacteria or viruses; must undergo a fit test to determine the model that provides a proper seal. Dispose after use.

PPE Safety Steps

1. Wear PPE before work begins. Refer to donning order on PPE Policy.
2. Wash your hands before putting on PPE.
3. Do not touch your face while wearing PPE.
4. Remove the most soiled PPE first, usually gloves. Refer to doffing order on PPE Policy.
5. Remove PPE carefully to avoid contamination - each piece is contaminated!
6. Wash hands after removing PPE.



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