

Recommended Health Protection Practices for Personnel Working with Rodents

| ACTIVITY | RECOMMENDATION |
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| Brief visual inspection (no direct animal contact) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab coat (launder separately) |
| Direct contact with rodents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab coat (launder separately) • Powder-free exam gloves • Hand sanitizing (min. 60% alcohol) if gloves not worn* |
| Cage change out | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lab coat (launder separately) • Sturdy gloves • Respirator if exposure to allergens must be minimized |
| Cage washing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterproof lab apron • Sturdy gloves long enough to keep water out and prevent contact with chemical cleaning agents • Eye protection against chemical splash |
| All species/activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use gloves (not hand sanitizing if you have cuts or abrasions on your hands) • Wash hands thoroughly after removing gloves • Wash hands before leaving facility |