



Memo

To: Haz Mat Animal Care Personnel and Supervisors

From: Dr. Greg Lawson

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Re: PPE for Bat Care

This is a memo to clarify the PPE requirements for Haz Mat Employees working within the BAT ABSL-2 areas. Your approach to PPE will be divided into 3 possible scenarios: 1) Care of Bats enclosed within Sound Chamber boxes, 2) Bats housed in cages, and 3) Bats housed in free flight rooms.

1. Bats Enclosed within Sound Chamber Boxes:
 - a. Because the bats are enclosed within a tertiary container (room, cage, sound box), PPE will consist of the following: Lab Coat and Gloves
 - i. If the sound chamber is opened for any reason you will be required to wear the same PPE as in scenario #2: Bats housed in cages.
2. Bats Housed in Cages
 - a. Because the bats are within an enclosure that limits your exposure to feces and other droppings the PPE requirements will be limited. Activities involving bats housed in cages includes health checks, feeding and floor covering changes. The PPE will consist of the following: Safety glasses or face shield, surgical mask, lab coat and gloves.
 - i. Shoe covers and hair bonnets are not required under these circumstances
3. Bats Housed in Free Flight Rooms
 - a. Because these bats are in free flight a hair bonnet, shoe covers, lab coat, gloves, surgical mask and eye protection are required (daily cleaning).
 - b. Anytime feces or urine could be aerosolized (power spraying), a Tyvek suit and PAPR is required.