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This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) describes the proper attire required for working in designated animal areas.

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Principal investigator (PI) and their research staff, animal care staff, veterinarian, veterinary care staff, facility supervisor/manager and anyone entering an animal facility.

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- 3.1. Individual clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements are determined by the following:
  - 3.1.1. Risk assessment of the workplace, the task, and the associated hazards
  - 3.1.2. Review of Safety Data Sheets (SDS) or other suitable information
  - 3.1.3. Assessment by the Occupational Health Program
  - 3.1.4. McGill University Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) recommendations.
- 3.2. Wear appropriate attire to enter animal areas:
  - 3.2.1. Closed-toed and closed-heeled shoes. Sandals, clog style shoes, and open-toed shoes are not permissible.
  - 3.2.2. No shorts, capri pants, or short skirts.
- 3.3. Consult appropriate signage at the entrance of the room or facility for any specific PPE requirements. Wear all the prescribed PPE.
- 3.4. PPE designated for animal areas should not be worn in public areas.
- 3.5. Outer protective clothing, e.g., lab coat, gown:
  - 3.5.1. Wear outer protective clothing whenever there is contact with animals, urine, feces, blood, or other biological fluids, infectious, chemical, or radioactive hazards.
  - 3.5.2. Keep clean outer clothes readily available and change as often as needed.
  - 3.5.3. Provide laundry service at the workplace for reusable clothing.
  - 3.5.4. Restrict clothes to a given group of animals with the same health status.
  - 3.5.5. Do not wear outer clothes outside the facility.
- 3.6. Gloves:
  - 3.6.1. Wear gloves whenever there is contact with animals, urine, feces, blood, or other biological fluids, infectious, chemical, or radioactive hazards.
  - 3.6.2. Change gloves frequently to minimize fomite contamination within the animal room. Consider the use of double gloves, i.e., outer and inner pairs, for additional protection and/or for preventing contamination of surfaces by changing outer gloves frequently while maintaining protection with the inner gloves.
  - 3.6.3. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water, or use an alcohol sanitizer, at the end of the procedure or upon leaving the facility.
- 3.7. Mucous membrane/respiratory protection:
  - 3.7.1. Utilize a face mask if there is a risk of splashing or droplet exposure to mucous membranes or when there is possible exposure to animal allergens.
  - 3.7.2. N95 respirators are mandatory in specific areas where they are required to protect the health of animals. N95 respirators may be recommended in other areas.

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