

Phlebotomy Guidelines for PPE

Even though we are changing the lab coats procedure we will still need to be cautious in protecting ourselves. Please look at the following scenarios and keep in mind how to best keep yourself safe! If you have any questions please see your immediate supervisor as soon as possible!

Thank you! – Ellie

Isolation Rooms: You must still follow guidelines as stated in your Isolation Protocol . (Policy Numbers: IC.2.01)

Vomiting Patients/ Blood Procedures/ Or Any Situation where you feel you are likely to have an exposure: It is in your best interest to wear some kind of coat. The impermeable lab coats will always be available to you. You can keep it located on your cart (***in the cart, not hung over the side***) or you can obtain a disposable coat from the nurses station to protect yourself.

Rapids and Codes: In these situations are at a higher risk. We do not necessarily know what is going on with the patient and this would be a good time to wear a coat for protection.

Please utilize your *Universal precautions*. Universal precautions refers to certain infection control steps that you should use to reduce the risk of transmitting HIV and other infectious diseases.

You should treat any blood or bodily fluid as though it contains HIV, hepatitis, or another infectious agent.

In other words, universal precautions assumes that all bodily fluids are dangerous and you should to treat them accordingly.