**Purpose**

To define the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the HMC Transfusion Service Laboratory.

PPE in the Transfusion Service consists of the following:

* Semi-permeable Lab Coat with long sleeves, cuffs, which are worn fastened by Velcro, snaps, or buttons.
* Disposable gloves
* Eye Shield or safety glasses, or splash guard face shield

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **TSL Tasks** | **PPE Required** | **Related Documents** |
| * Receiving or handling Unopened Patient Samples. * Handling blood components * Unpacking blood shipments * Thawing plasma * Combining platelets * Using “non-clean” computer keyboards and phones. | * Lab Coat * Gloves | * Quality Policy: Facilities and Safety * Receiving Blood Products into Inventory * Thawing Products Using the Helmer Quickthaw System * Preparation of Combined Plts in SQ |
| * Testing or opening patient samples. * Removing segments from units. | * Lab Coat * Gloves * Eye Shield | * Receiving Blood Products into Inventory |
| * Using bleach * Neutralizing TANGO waste * Disposing of TANGO waste | * Lab Coat * Gloves * Face Shield | * TANGO Liquid Waste Disposal * TANGO Liquid Container Management |
| * Delivering Blood to OR | * Scrubs or Bunny Suit * Surgical Bouffant Hat * Eye Shield or goggles * Face Mask |  |

**References**

Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services, AABB, Current

TANGO Optimo User Manual, Version 3.2