

University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers

**EXPOSURE-PRONE TASKS
RECOMMENDED WORKPLACE PRACTICES FOR PREVENTING EXPOSURE**

Area: Blood Bank & Transfusion Service

Specific Exposure-Prone Task	Recommended Workplace Practices & Barriers	Location of Barriers and Other Supplies
Serological testing	Gloves	Safety Cupboard
Pooling components	Gloves; face shield or bench-top shield	Safety cupboard; counter tops
Preparing aliquots with IV pole	Gloves; face shield	Safety cupboard; counter tops
Pulling segments	Gloves; face shield	Safety cupboard; counter tops
Original cap removal – vacutainer tubes	Gloves; orange pads	Safety cupboard; counter tops
Original cap removal – HemoGard tubes	Gloves	Safety cupboard
Handling visibly contaminated specimen or product	Gloves	Safety cupboard

*****Laboratory coats are required whenever there are cuts, scratches, or open wounds on the arms or upper body. The coat must be worn to provide a barrier between non-intact skin and possible contamination.**

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