

Annex N – Donning and Doffing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Donning and Doffing PPE is always easier with assistance. Be careful to follow instructions from personnel at monitoring and decontamination stations. The use of food, drink, or smoking is prohibited while working in the field. These procedures are guidelines only and actual donning/doffing of PPE may differ.

Donning PPE

- Remove all jewelry/valuable and stow elsewhere. If you do not want to lose the item, do not take the item into the field where it may be contaminated.
- Put on tyvek coveralls and zip up to waist.
- Put on shoe covers and tape coveralls to shoe covers, making sure to tab the tape for easy removal later.
- Put on one pair of nitrile gloves and finish zipping up tyvek coveralls
- Tape coveralls to gloves, making sure to tab the tape for easy removal later.
- If respiratory protection is to be used, tape around facemask to hood of coveralls, making sure to tab the tape for easy removal later.
- Put on additional pair(s) of nitrile gloves, as needed.

Doffing PPE

- Remember to work from top down. Never cross the clean line, unless you have been monitored and cleared.
- Remove all tape and outer gloves placing them into trash canister.
- Remove dosimetry and have dosimetry monitored before passing across clean line.
- Remove mask and hood.
- Remove tyvek coveralls working from top down and being careful to roll so outside of tyvek does not contaminate clothing. At this point monitoring teams may begin to monitor areas no longer covered by tyvek.
- Continue to roll down tyvek coveralls and take one shoe cover off (you may need assistance in steadying yourself, but be mindful of contamination control).
- Allow foot to be monitored and step onto clean side.
- Remove other shoe cover, leaving tyvek on dirty site. Allow remaining foot to be monitored before placing on clean side.
- Remove final pair of gloves and dispose of in trash canister.
- Proceed through final monitoring and/or decontamination shower.