

DRESS CODE

The TOP center clean room dress code applies to all laboratory areas and cleanroom. It is based on industry-wide best practices for working in areas containing hazardous materials, and emphasizes covering as much skin as possible to contain sloughed skin particles. You will be denied access to laboratory spaces if you are not dressed according to the following rules.

HYGIENE

You and your clothing should be clean (i.e. free of dust or dirt) before entering lab spaces. Avoid clothing that sheds fibers such as wool, fur, fake fur, mohair, etc. Dirty or shedding clothes contaminate everyone's work, even in non-cleanroom spaces. Make-up and cosmetics are not allowed in lab spaces.

SHOES

You must wear shoes that completely enclose the heel, toes, and top of your feet. Socks or stockings are required. Sandals, open-weave shoes, or shoes that expose the top of the foot are not allowed. High heels and deep-treaded shoes that hold mud or dirt are also not allowed. Despite the substantial wet weather in the Pacific Northwest, your shoes should be clean and dry before entering the labs. It is preferable that you bring a clean, dry change of dedicated lab shoes that you do not wear outside. It is imperative that you avoid tracking mud, dirt and leaves into the labs.

PANTS

You must wear long pants that run from your shirt to your ankles. Shorts, short pants, capris, skirts and dresses are not allowed. During warmer weather, you may bring with you a pair of lightweight hospital-scrub style pants to wear over your shorts. You can purchase inexpensive scrub pants from the Top Center clean room staff for this purpose. You can either purchase a pair of scrub pants from WNF staff or need to return home to change into acceptable attire.

SHIRTS

Your shirt must cover your shoulders and reach from the top of your arms to your pants. Tank tops, halter-tops, and spaghetti strap tops are not acceptable.

SAFETY GLASSES

Safety glasses must be worn at all times in all labs. The Top center provides safety glasses, or you may choose to purchase your own glasses, provided that they meet ANSI Z87.1-2003 standards. You are allowed to remove your safety glasses when using optical microscopes, but remember to put them back on when you step away from the microscope. Safety glasses are not acceptable for chemical protection;

face shields must be worn during chemical use. Please refer to the Personal Protective Equipment

(PPE) section for details in chemical protection protocols.

CONTACT LENSES

Consistent with recent recommendations from the American Chemical Society, contact lenses are allowed in the TOP center clean room, provided that safety glasses are also worn at all times. In the case of an eye exposure emergency, rinse at the emergency eyewash station with contacts in place, and remove them while flushing.

Gowning Procedure



Step 1: Cover the hair properly with **bouffant cap or hair mesh**, for long hair first tie the hair and then cover the with the cap.

Step 2: Put on **the clean room face mask**, any mask already put must be removed and a new mask must be used.

Step 3: Pick up the available **clean room bunny suit** according to size from cabinets at the second last row of the metal cabinets (cabinets without names). Put your **legs first in the suit and then your hands without touching suit to the ground**. Zip the suit, put the hood on your head over the hair mesh and put the strap on available at neck at last.

Step 4: Pick up a pair **of clean room boots** according to your size available in the cabinets at last row of same metal cabinets. After putting your feet in the shoes, before zipping **make sure you cover your suit near ankle region inside the shoes** and then zip it.

Step 5: Pick up **the clean room goggles** from the box, adjust or loosen the strap accordingly and then wear the goggles such that strap is over the hood at back. **People with spectacles can choose not to wear the goggles.**

4 Make sure that every part of face is properly covered with mask and goggles.

Step 6: The **purple Nitrile Gloves** must be the last thing to wear after making sure that everything is put on properly.



Before entering the chamber make sure that every inch of your body is covered and dirt and dusts

CLEANROOM PROTOCOL

- Using an IPA squirt bottle, moisten a cleanroom wipe and wipe down all the items you bring into the cleanroom.
- Once inside the cleanroom, do not open or unzip your cleanroom suit. If you need to access something within your suit (e.g. cell phone), go to the gown room and do so.