

Acute Care Doffing Observer Checklist






Suspect/Confirmed EVD Cases and/or Care Environment Coveralls/Gowns with Separate Hood and Boot Covers

This checklist is designed to assist in ensuring that health care workers (HCWs) are correctly doffing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for suspect/confirmed cases of EVD and their care environment. **Please Note: This is a sample checklist** that may need to be adapted to meet relevant standards of practice and/or specific manufacturer's user instructions for variations of approved PPE. The tool is to be used by a trained observer to guide the HCW in the doffing process and verify that all necessary doffing steps are performed and in the proper sequence. Any errors are to be corrected immediately to ensure the HCW is protected.

Note: Hand hygiene should be performed after removing PPE, before hands approach the face and any time hand contamination is identified or suspected during the doffing process.

Before you begin, instruct the HCW that PPE must be removed slowly and carefully within each appropriately designated zone (i.e. moving from hot to warm to cold as per



DOFFING PPE PROCEDURE		COMMENTS (May include size of PPE)
	Remove apron (if used): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Trained observer may assist with ties but must be donned in adequate PPE based on risk<input type="checkbox"/> Remove apron by gently rolling inside out; taking care to avoid contact with outside surface of coverall/gown<input type="checkbox"/> Dispose into designated waste container	
	Remove outer footwear and/or foot coverings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Remove outer footwear and/or foot coverings carefully to avoid inadvertent contact and cross-contamination<input type="checkbox"/> Take care not to slip or fall; use chair as needed<input type="checkbox"/> Dispose into designated waste container	
	Remove outer gloves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Remove outer gloves taking care not to touch inner gloves or bare skin<input type="checkbox"/> Dispose into designated waste container<input type="checkbox"/> Inspect inner gloves for visible contamination, cuts or tears	
	Remove eye/face protection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Hold face shield or goggles by grasping band at back of head and lifting gently over head and away from face<input type="checkbox"/> Dispose into designated waste container	
	Remove hood cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Trained observer may assist with removal, but must be donned in adequate PPE based on risk<input type="checkbox"/> Gently remove hood cover without self contamination<input type="checkbox"/> Dispose into designated waste container	

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Remove coverall/gown:



- Trained observer may assist, but must be donned in adequate PPE based on risk
- Unzip or unfasten coverall/gown completely before rolling down and turning inside out. Avoid contact of inner clothing with outer surface of coverall during removal, touching inside of the coverall/gown only
- Dispose into designated waste container

Remove boot covers:



- Remove boot covers carefully to avoid inadvertent contact and cross-contamination
- Take care not to slip or fall; use chair as needed
- Dispose into designated waste container

Remove inner gloves:



- Inspect gloves for visible contamination, cuts or tears before removing
- Take care to avoid touching the outside of the gloves with bare skin
- Dispose into designated waste container

Perform hand hygiene:



- Use alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) or soap and water
- Allow hands to dry completely

Remove N95 respirator:



- Grab bottom strap and lift over head
- Lean forward and grab top strap; gently lift over head and away from face
- Take care to not touch the front of the respirator
- Dispose into designated waste container

Perform hand hygiene:



- Use ABHR or soap and water
- Allow hands to dry completely

Verify doffing PPE procedure:



- Visually confirm sequence has been completed correctly and no contamination has occurred

Name of Observer: _____ Name of Worker: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____