

Biosafety Reminder:

All laboratory personnel, including students and volunteers, must be properly trained on the procedures and materials in use. It is important to realize that PIs and lab supervisors can be held legally liable for lack of proper training of their personnel. In addition, anyone working with human sourced materials such as blood, plasma, tissue, and cell lines is required to complete blood borne pathogens training on an annual basis.



The following recent Canadian article describes how lack of training can cause lab acquired infection with a common risk group 2 organism at BSL-2 containment.

<http://news.nationalpost.com/health/employee-infected-while-working-at-winnipeg-disease-lab-had-virtually-no-safety-training-report>

Don't be the next big article in the USA today.

Ensure your personnel are trained!

EH&S training modules can be accessed at: <http://ehs.uky.edu/>



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The Dept. of Biological Safety would like to thank the following labs for setting a shining example of lab housekeeping and maintenance. Well done!

*Despa Lab (CTW)
Rangnekar Lab (Combs)
Fields Lab (Med Sci)
Taylor B. Lab (Med Sci)*



This flu and cold season, remember to cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze and cough.

As many as 40,000 droplets can be released in a single sneeze, some travelling at over 20 miles per hour! While larger droplets succumb to gravity and fall, smaller droplets, some as small as 50um in diameter can remain suspended in the air until they dehydrate.

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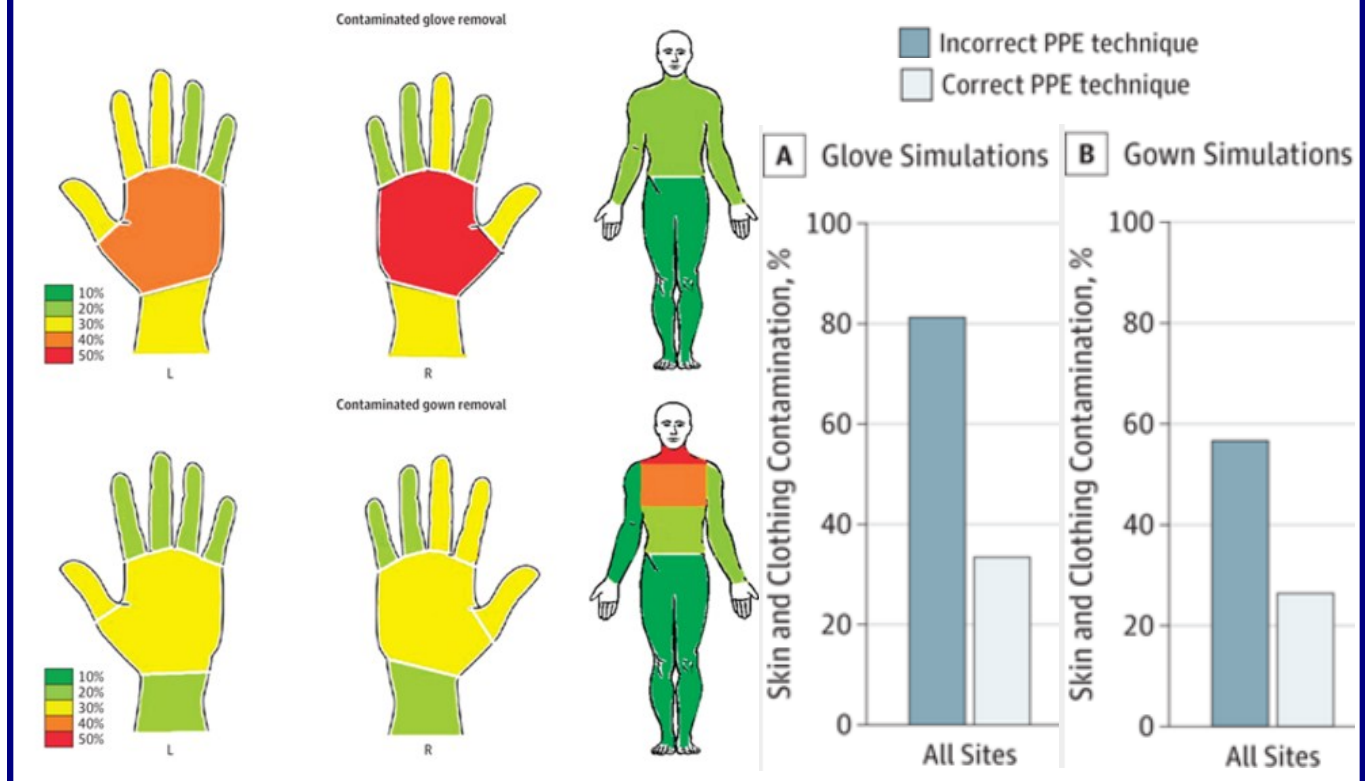
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You think donning PPE is important? Proper removal is too!

A December 2015 article in *JAMA Internal Medicine* describes contamination of the skin and clothing of health care personnel occurred frequently during removal of contaminated gloves or gowns.

How aware are you when removing your PPE?

Check the article out at: <http://tinyurl.com/hodtjhu>



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As part of the Division of Environmental Health & Safety, the Department of Biological Safety is responsible for programs concerning the safe use of recombinant and synthetic nucleic acids, infectious agents, and potentially infectious materials such as human sourced materials in the research and teaching laboratories at the University of Kentucky. This includes training, auditing, and consulting with researchers, laboratory personnel and teaching staff concerning compliance with the federal and state laws and regulations in these areas.

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