

**COVID-19 and Arc Flash PPE Procedures**

1. If no more than one person is required to perform the task, then normal Arc Flash PPE is sufficient. Use of COVID-19 PPE is not required. The Arc Flash PPE that will be used will not be considered “contaminated”.
  
2. If two or more persons are required to work within 6’ of each other during the course of the task:
  - a. Wearing any PPE is not required during the pre-job briefing as long as EVERYONE stays 6’ apart. If this cannot be done, then wear required PPE. Take steps as required to eliminate the need to wear PPE during this briefing including pre-job walkdown with a camera (one person) to visually describe the job situation.
  - b. If Arc Flash PPE is required, put on the Arc Flash PPE including the hoods outside of the 6’ distance. Once the PPE, including the hoods, are on, then move to the required positions and perform the work. The hoods are sufficient to protect from each worker’s respiration.
  - c. Once the work is complete or there is no need for Arc Flash PPE, move 6’ apart and remove the Arc Flash PPE using the technique to roll the PPE off of you to prevent contaminating your inner clothing. If additional work within 6’ is required without need of Arc Flash PPE, don the COVID-19 PPE and continue work until it is complete. Remove the COVID-19 PPE in the same manner to prevent cross-contamination with inner-clothing.
  - d. Remove all PPE, hoods, coveralls and leather gloves. Place all PPE in a plastic bag and label bags. Deliver PPE to Tim Fitzgerald in the ESH&Q Bldg. Tim will see that it is properly disinfected.
  - e. Use alcohol wipes to wipe-down rubber gloves. Once this is done, they are disinfected.
  - f. DO NOT REUSE POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED PPE EVEN IF IT IS DURING THE SAME OPERATION. ONCE IT HAS BEEN REMOVED, IT IS POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED. Use a set that has been disinfected.
  - g. Take steps as needed to reduce the necessity for use of multiple sets of PPE. Where a task can be done by one person, then that person should work alone and others should stay at least 6’ away. This would include such things as switching equipment on and off.

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