

Surgical and Autopsy Pathology Required PPE and Engineering Controls

Gross Room Tasks	Fluid-resistant blue coat	Blue Plastic Gown	Bouffant Cap	Nitrile Gloves	Surgical Gloves	Safety Glasses/Goggles	Face shield	Surgical / Procedural mask	N95 mask	Boot / Shoe covers	BSC / Hood	PAPR
Receiving specimens (tube stations, lift, carrier)	√			√								
Accessioning specimens	√			√								
Pouring formalin onto fresh specimens	√			√			√	√		*		
Triaging and grossing non-COVID fresh specimens	√			√			√	√		*		
Triaging and grossing COVID+ and TB+ fresh specimens	√			√			√		√	*	√	√ [^]
Grossing non-COVID fixed specimens	√			√			√	√		*		
Grossing COVID+ and TB+ fixed specimens	√			√			√		√	*	√	√ [^]
Discarding specimens	√			√			√	√		*		
Observing without touching or manipulation of tissues	√			√		√						

[^]PAPR required if not fitted for N95

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*Shoe covers required if not wearing fluid-resistant shoes.
BSC =biological safety cabinet; PAPR=powered air-purifying respirator

Autopsy Tasks	Fluid-resistant blue coat or white bunny suit	Blue Plastic Gown	Bouffant Cap	Blue Nitrile Gloves	White Surgical Gloves	Safety Glasses/Goggles	Face shield	Surgical / Procedural mask	N95 mask	Boot Covers	BSC / Hood	PAPR
Accessioning cases in clean office												
Retrieving/Returning bodies	√ [!]			√								
Performing non-COVID autopsies	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√		
Performing COVID+ and TB+ autopsies	√	√	√	√	√		√		√ ^{**}	√		√ ^{**}
Observing non-COVID autopsies		√		√			√		√	√		

**N95 or PAPR required (not both)

! Refer to separate Job Aid for doffing and donning of dirty/clean PPE for infectious autopsies !