

Best Practices for Donning PPE: USP Chapter <797> (2022)

Section 3.2 Hand Hygiene and Section 3.3 Garbing Requirements

Section 3.2 (Hand Hygiene) of the revised Chapter <797> states: “The order of hand washing and garbing depends on the placement of the sink. The order of garbing must be determined by the facility and documented in the facility’s SOPs.”

Additionally, Section 3.3 (Garbing Requirements) states: “The required garb, manner of storage, and order of garbing must be determined by the facility and documented in the facility’s SOPs.”

To assist your efforts to develop these SOPs, Contec Healthcare has these best practice recommendations for donning in multiple sink location scenarios:

Best Practice for Donning Garb (Category 2) - In a Cleanroom Suite

Sink on Clean (Far) Side of Anteroom LOD	Sink on Dirty (Near) Side of Anteroom LOD
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit restroom, tie hair, clean personal glasses 2. Enter anteroom; don face/head/beard covers 3. Don shoe covers – one foot at a time across the LOD 4. Perform hand hygiene 5. Don gown 6. Enter the buffer room 7. Apply alcohol-based hand rub to hands/wrists 8. Don sterile gloves 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit restroom, tie hair, clean personal glasses 2. Enter anteroom; don face/head/beard covers 3. Perform hand hygiene 4. Don shoe covers – one foot at a time across the LOD 5. Apply alcohol-based hand rub to hands/wrists 6. Don gown 7. Enter the buffer room 8. Apply alcohol-based hand rub to hands/wrists 9. Don sterile gloves
Sink outside the Cleanroom Suite	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit restroom, tie hair, clean personal glasses 2. Perform hand hygiene 3. Enter anteroom and apply alcohol-based hand rub to hands and wrists 4. Don face/head/beard covers 5. Don shoe covers – one foot at a time across the LOD 6. Apply alcohol-based hand rub to hands and wrists 7. Don gown 8. Enter the buffer room 9. Apply alcohol-based hand rub to hands/wrists 10. Don sterile gloves 	

Best Practice for Donning Garb (Category 1) - For a Segregated Compounding Area (SCA)

Sink Inside Room in which SCA is Located	Sink Outside Room in which SCA is Located
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit restroom, tie hair, clean personal glasses 2. Enter SCA; don face/head/beard covers outside perimeter line (PL) 3. Perform hand hygiene (sink outside PL) 4. Don gown 5. Don shoe covers – one foot at a time across PL 6. Apply alcohol-based hand rub to hands/wrists 7. Don sterile gloves 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit restroom, tie hair, clean personal glasses 2. Perform hand hygiene 3. Enter SCA and apply alcohol-based hand rub to hands/wrists outside PL 4. Don face/head/beard covers outside PL 5. Apply alcohol-based hand rub to hands/wrists 6. Don gown 7. Don shoe covers – one foot at a time across PL 8. Apply alcohol-based hand rub to hands/wrists 9. Don sterile gloves