### Handling of Imported Mice During the Quarantine Period

**SOP Number:** C-001  
**SOP Title:** Handling of Imported Mice During the Quarantine Period  
**Purpose:** To avoid spread of pathogens from quarantine animals to the rest of the colonies  
**Responsibility:** Technicians  
**Related policy/SOP:**  
- Rodent Importation and Quarantine  
- Survival Sampling for Pathogen Screening  
- Receive of Imported Mice  
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### Policy

1. Staff will not handle these animals or change cages until last thing for the day and if they have been handled will recuse themselves from handling any other animals until the next day.  
2. A disposable gown is worn before handing the quarantine animals.  
3. Complete cage change out will be done at all times.  
4. Soiled cage changed out will be covered in the Biological Safety Cabinet or Animal Transfer Station before moving out for washing.  
5. The soiled cage will be kept covered until it is disassembled and washed in the washing room.  
6. Another disposable gown and another pair of gloves are worn when handling another batch of quarantine animals.