Cagewash Procedures for Processing Caging from Containment Housing Rooms

1. Infectious hazard caging that has been autoclaved (preferred method of decontamination when feasible)
   a. Standard PPE can be worn.
   b. Wear an N95 respirator if removing bedding without the use of a dump station.

2. Infectious hazard caging that has not been autoclaved
   a. Cagewash staff must wear the following when processing any infectious hazard items removed from an ABSL 2 housing room (cages, racks, feeders, watering devices, enrichment, etc.):
      i. Waterproof shoe covers/boots
      ii. Hair bonnet
      iii. Gown
      iv. Double gloves
      v. N95 respirator
      vi. Sealed eye protection
   b. Caging and equipment
      i. Pretreat infectious hazard caging and equipment with 10% bleach (foamer with no tip), allow 10 minutes of contact time and rinse.
      ii. Process through cagewash machines per standard procedures.
   c. Collect disposable PPE worn by cagewash in a lined fiber drum for HazMat disposal.

3. Chemical hazards
   a. Cagewash staff can wear standard PPE when processing any chemical hazard items removed from an ABSL 2 housing room.