NECROPSY PROCEDURE FOR SUSPECTED CASES OF ZOONOTIC DISEASE

**Principles**
Minimize number of personnel present.

**Protection**
Ensure personal protective equipment is available and utilized correctly

- Wear Tyvek disposable coveralls or (at a minimum) a solid-front, water resistant, long-sleeved gown.

Wear three pairs of gloves

- Innermost pair—latex or other disposable gloves.
- Middle pair—substantial waterproof gloves (Playtex kitchen gloves) long enough for gown sleeves to be tucked inside.
- Outer pair—Metal or Kevlar [e.g. Whizard Hand Guard (steel/Kevlar) glove from Koch (800-456-5624) or a locally purchased filleting glove].

THIS OUTER PAIR OF GLOVES MUST BE WORN throughout the entire necropsy procedure.

Wear a face shield or goggles to protect mucous membranes.

Wear a disposable ‘half mask’ HEPA respirator (3M 8293) to avoid aerosol exposure.

**Procedures**
Minimize the use of needles and sharp instruments during necropsy.

Do NOT use mechanical saws to obtain spinal cord samples.

Procedures that create an aerosol should be done in a way to minimize the dispersal of aerosol particles.