

**VALLEYCARE  
OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS  
DEPARTMENT: FACILITIES  
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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**SUBJECT/TITLE: LABORATORY HOOD DECONTAMINATION**

**POLICY:** Before any maintenance, service, or repair work is performed by a **Facilities** Division employee on a biological safety cabinet, the unit must first be disinfected. This is to prevent the service employee from being exposed to any infectious agent that may be present in the filters or elsewhere in the unit. Proper personal protective equipment must be worn.

Proper personal protective equipment must also be worn when any work is performed on laboratory chemical hoods. Disinfections of these units is not necessary and not recommended as carcinogens may adversely react with disinfectants. For hoods used in the preparation of antineoplastic agents, the Safety Officer shall determine what protective equipment is required and whether an industrial hygienist, or other qualified individual, should be consulted.

**PURPOSE:** To state Facilities Division’s policies on the decontamination of biological safety cabinets and laboratory chemical hoods before any maintenance is performed.

**PROCEDURE:**

**INFORMATION:** Maintenance of Department of Pathology safety cabinets/laboratory hoods is performed by outside vendor per service contract. When any cabinet/hood maintenance is required, the Department of Pathology primarily uses this contracted service.

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**DEFINITIONS:**

References:	
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