Biological Spill Response

Step One: Initial Response

**In Primary Containment**
- **Biosafety Cabinet**
  - Leave cabinet motor on
  - If spill enters cabinet grates, see *Biological Spill Planning and Response Manual* for cleanup procedure

**Centrifuge**
- Post “Biohazard Spill: Do Not Open” sign on centrifuge and leave lid closed for 30 minutes
- Put on additional PPE and relocate closed cup, rotor, etc. to biosafety cabinet (if items cannot be removed, close lid, replace sign, and contact EHS for assistance)

**Outside Primary Containment**
- **Incubator**
  - Close door and turn off incubator
  - Alert other lab staff to leave, post “Biohazard Spill: Do Not Enter” sign on door, and evacuate room for 30 minutes
- **Laboratory**
  - Remove any contaminated PPE and dispose of in red bags
  - Collect Biospill Kit* and put on new PPE

**Contact EHS at any time if you need assistance**

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**Step Two: Spill Cleanup Procedure**

1. **Cover** spill area with paper towels, then with disinfectant. Let sit for minimum contact.
2. **Collect** paper towels into a red waste bag. Use tongs/forceps to pick up any sharps or broken glass.
3. **Wipe down** all nearby surfaces with disinfectant. Discard all spill materials into red bag waste container.
4. **Dispose** of used PPE in red bags. Wash hands.
5. **Report** to PI/Supervisor. As necessary, report to EHS at ehs@med.cornell.edu or 646-962-7233.

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*For more information: Review the Biological Spill Planning and Response Manual at ehs.weill.cornell.edu