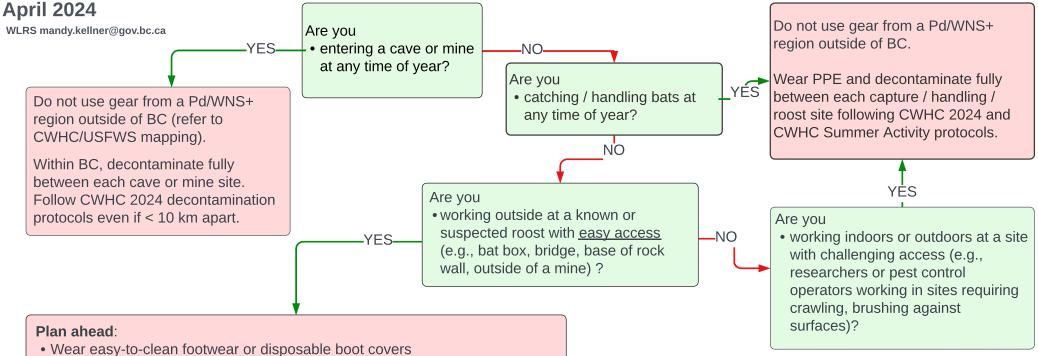
BC WNS Decontamination Protocol



- Wear nitrile gloves
- Have accessible decontamination supplies and garbage bags/bins to contain "dirty" materials until they can be decontaminated

Clean and decontaminate "dirty" surfaces upon leaving each site:

- brush off dirt from any material that contacted the site ("dirty" surfaces)
- take off boot covers then follow de-gloving procedures and dispose of gloves / boot covers
- decontaminate all "dirty" surfaces (e.g., soles of shoes if you did not wear boot covers, the brush you used) with
 - \circ full submersion in 55+C hot water for > 5 min OR
 - submersion or thorough spritzing with
 - 10 % bleach solution OR
 - 50-70% isopropyl alcohol OR
 - 3 % hydrogen peroxide OR
 - other approved antifungal
 - (see CWHC 2024 and USGS 2024).

If in doubt, be conservative and decontaminate!



CWHC 2024

https://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/docs/bat_health/WNS%20 Decontamination%20protocol%20(English)%2020240306.pdf

CWHC Summer Activities

https://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/docs/bat_health/Recommendations %20for%20decontamination%20during%20summer%20 activities%20(English)%2020240306.

USGS 2024

https://s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/prod-is-cms-assets/ wns/prod/669f6310-dd5e-11ee-9008-8dbb177a1768-March2024-%20revised%20WNS%20Decon%20Protocol %20-%20Final.pdf





