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Parlor PPE

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Conditions in the parlor

- Hot
- Cold
- Splashing – urine, manure, small amount of milk
- Ventilation – ideal for cows – not necessarily ideal for people
- Wet
- Other hazards
 - Slick floors
 - Pinching of hands and arms
 - Tail switches

Employee mindset, pressure, and resources

- Locker room and employee dedicated space?
- Provided PPE by farm?
- PPE dedicated to that farm?
- Rushed? – Parlor throughput vs parlor efficiency
 - Be fast, be efficient, be clean AND notice if anything is wrong for every cow
- Monotonous
- Language barrier?
- Often employees are related to each other
- Fear

Other things to keep in mind

- Owners can be unwilling to challenge employees – good and reliable help can be hard to find
- On many farms there are 3 milking shifts – if you are there in just the morning or afternoon you are missing 2/3 of the employees
- Every farm is different – dairies are not cookie cutter



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Wide range:

Safety glasses

Apron

Sleeves

Gloves

Boots

To

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Thank You

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