Assume all cultures are hazardous since they may harbor latent viruses or other organisms that are uncharacterized. The following safety precautions should be observed.

- Use pipette aids to prevent ingestion and keep aerosols down to a minimum.

No eating, drinking or smoking while handling cells.

Wash hands after handling cultures and before leaving the lab.

Decontaminate work surface with disinfectant or 70% ethanol before and after working with cells.

All waste should be considered hazardous.

Dispose of all liquid waste after each experiment and treat with bleach.