

Spotlight on Safety



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Major COVID Policy Changes Come Into Effect

As announced in a July 1 campus letter, major updates to University public health policies around COVID-19 have gone into effect.

- The Gatherings Policy **retired and replaced by guidance**.
- The Face Coverings policy **retired and replaced by guidance**.
- **Supplemental guidance** to accompany the **Visitor Policy**.
- The **daily symptom check** is now only required for unvaccinated individuals.
- Updated guidance on **restoring spaces to pre-pandemic layouts** including signage info.
- Updated requirements for **University contractors and vendors**.
- **Updated FAQs** on disinfection, ventilation, visitors, face coverings, hand washing, etc.

EHS Scores Big With Cicada Song Quiz

For a few weeks in June, the emergence of the Brood X cicada swarm and their deafening song was all anybody could talk about on campus.

Princeton EHS staff were curious about just how loud the Brood X cicadas were, so they got out the trusty sound level meter. How loud do you think they were?

- A) 65 dB like a restaurant
- B) 75 dB like a vacuum cleaner
- C) 85 dB like a lawn mower

Our fun quiz caught fire and earned **coverage from University-wide social media**.

CHECK AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR THE QUIZ ANSWER.



Workplace Safety Specialist Sean Farrell measures the cicada song outside the EHS office in June.

Achievement Award



Robin Izzo, executive director of the Princeton University Office of Environmental Health and Safety, has been named a 2020 President's Achievement Award recipient.

The award recognizes Izzo's leadership role in shepherding the University through the COVID-19 crisis.

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SHIELD Set-Up Guide Updated

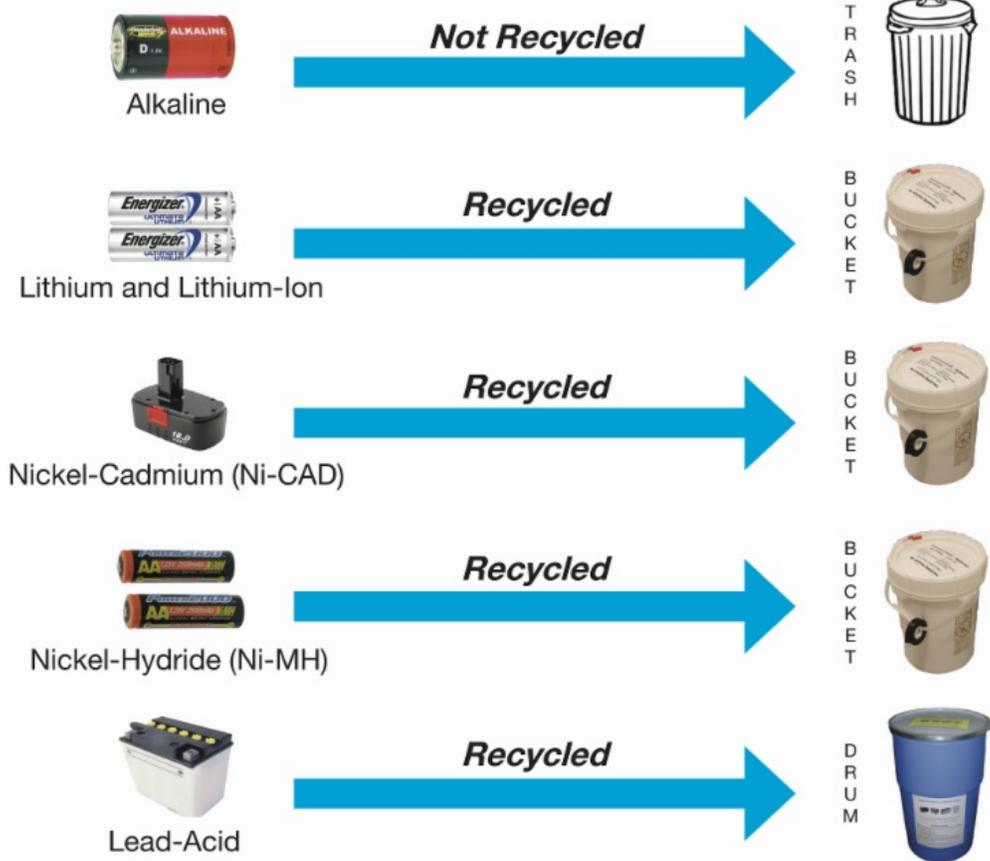
The Safety, Health, Inspection and Equipment Logistics Database (SHIELD) is Princeton's one-stop resource for laboratory compliance and data management.

Our **General Setup Wizard** was recently updated with a new video and step-by-step instructions for setup and configuration of your SHIELD account.



[View The Guide](#)

BATTERY RECYCLING QUICK GUIDE



[MORE INFO: EHS.PRINCETON.EDU/USED-BATTERY-DISPOSAL-GUIDE](https://ehs.princeton.edu/used-battery-disposal-guide)

Test Now Required For Research, Recreational Drone Operators

The FAA has launched The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) program for drone operators flying for recreational and educational purposes.

Students and researchers must pass an aeronautical knowledge and safety test and provide proof of test passage to the FAA or law enforcement upon request. Alternately, pilots can seek a Part 107 license. **READ MORE »**



EHS Celebrates 50th Anniversary This Year



Stay tuned for a celebration this fall of the 50th anniversary of the Princeton University Office of Environmental Health and Safety. Follow us on social media for more information and special content.

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QUIZ ANSWER

Just How Loud Are Those Cicadas?

EHS measured the cicada song at a surprising **86.5 dB** (decibels). That's equivalent to the noise of a lawn mower!

When not measuring cicadas, you can find EHS checking sound levels in workplaces around campus as part of our **hearing conservation program**.



86.5 dB

Upcoming Trainings July - August 2021

The following trainings are conducted virtually. Course registrants will receive a Zoom invite via email prior to training.

Intro to Biosafety (Virtual)

July 14 4-5 p.m.

Bloodborne Pathogens For Researchers (Virtual)

July 21 4-5 p.m.

Fire Extinguisher Training (Virtual)

August 2 2-3 p.m.

Intro to Biosafety (Virtual)

August 11 4-5 p.m.

Bloodborne Pathogens For Researchers (Virtual)

August 18 4-5 p.m.

Laboratory Safety at Princeton University (Online)

New researchers to Princeton University should complete the following steps as part of the online Laboratory Safety Training Sequence.

1. Complete the online components of the laboratory safety training: Fundamentals of Laboratory Safety 1-5 and Final Test, available at: <https://putrain.learn.com>
2. After completing the online components, sign up for and attend an instructor-led Laboratory Safety Training session.

Note: Instructor-led sessions will be conducted via Zoom. Meeting information for the Zoom session will be sent out shortly before the class. Additional information for the Zoom-based training sessions are available in the **Guide for Virtual Lab Safety Training**.

Upcoming dates for virtual sessions:

Laboratory Safety at Princeton University (Virtual)

July 23

August 3

To sign up for a training session, go to:

<https://putrain.learn.com>

Select Environmental Health & Safety under "Training By Department"

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