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Summer in the Lab

It may be shorts and sandals weather outdoors, but proper attire is still essential in the laboratory. Standards of proper dress and PPE do not change when the weather heats up.

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Remember the following rules of dress when working in the lab:

- No open-toed or woven shoes.
- Legs cannot be uncovered: this means no shorts, capris, skirts or ripped jeans.
- Shirts and tops must cover the shoulders and upper torso.
- Long hair should be tied back.
- Loose jewelry or neckwear (such as ties, shawls or scarves) that hang outside the lab coat is not permitted.
- Use of headphones and earbuds is prohibited.

Of course, lab coats, eye protection and other required PPE must also be worn. Any clothing or accessories that impede or discourage the use of PPE is not allowed.

Also, while summer is the season for beach blankets and BBQs, remember that working in a lab is no picnic—literally! **No food or beverage of any kind is allowed.** (That includes hot dogs, chips and egg salad.)

If you have any questions about the appropriateness of lab attire, ask your Principal Investigator or contact EHS at ehs@princeton.edu or 609-258-5294.