


Spotlight on Safety



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HAPPY SPRING FROM EHS!



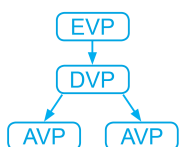
New Emergency Preparedness Director to Coordinate Campus Planning, Response

As part of a major effort to expand the scope and efficacy of emergency management services and information on campus, Princeton University has hired Derek Ziegler to fill the newly-created position of Assistant Director for Emergency Preparedness.

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EHS Director Elevated to AVP Position as Part of Reorganization



EHS Executive Director Robin Izzo will be promoted to Assistant Vice President for EHS, effective July 1. The AVPs of EHS and the Department of Public Safety (DPS) will report directly to Laura Strickler, who will become Deputy Vice President and Chief of Staff under Executive Vice President Treby Williams. [Read More »](#)

COVID-19 Policies Still in Place; Website Has Updates

All University policies around COVID-19 remain in place leading up to the **planned resumption** of full-time operations in the fall. Check the **EHS website** for information on

policies and the **Princeton COVID Resources** website for updated information including daily and weekly **updates** on cases and campus risk status. Learn more:

- **Face Coverings Guidance**
- **Visitor Policy**
- **Gatherings and Events**



Cali, a Shar Pei-Beagle mix, joined EHS Executive Director Robin Izzo for her recent Community Advocates shift, spreading good cheer along with advice for staying safe and healthy on campus.

More photos of Cali are on the **EHS Instagram account !!**

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Roof Use Policy Reminder

University policy prohibits the use of roofs on campus for personal or social purposes. This is done because of the obvious hazard of falls, as well as the possibility of roof damage.

Some roofs may be used for research and teaching with prior approval by contacting Jamie McQuaid of Environmental Health & Safety at extension 8-5106 or via e-mail at jmcquaid@princeton.edu and Chris Machusak of the Maintenance Department at extension 8-6607.



Any proposed roof use must also adhere to all COVID 19 campus protocols, including adherence to the current University's **Gathering** and **Face Coverings** policies as well as social distancing, while these policies are in effect.

The full text of this policy may be found at: ehs.princeton.edu/roof-safety

Leaving So Soon? Lab Closeout Procedures

Planning to graduate or otherwise finish up research at Princeton this spring or summer? There are some important procedures to follow before leaving your lab space for

good.

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If you are looking to dispose of an entire stock of chemicals, EHS may be able to arrange for help from our waste contractor. Please give advanced notice for scheduling.

For waste pickup requests, use our online [waste removal request form](#).



Stay Sharp: Sharps Disposal Practices

Proper disposal of sharps is one of the most important components of laboratory safety. Labs are responsible for obtaining their own sharps containers through University stockrooms or supply companies.

Remember: **Always** dispose sharps directly into sharps container. **Never** clip, bend, shear, or separate needles from syringes. **Do not** recap needles for disposal. When the sharps container is 3/4 full, close and lock the lid.

[Learn More on the EHS Website](#)

COVID-19 PPE Disposal

While you continue to wear face coverings on campus, remember to dispose of all used, disposable personal protective equipment (PPE) properly.



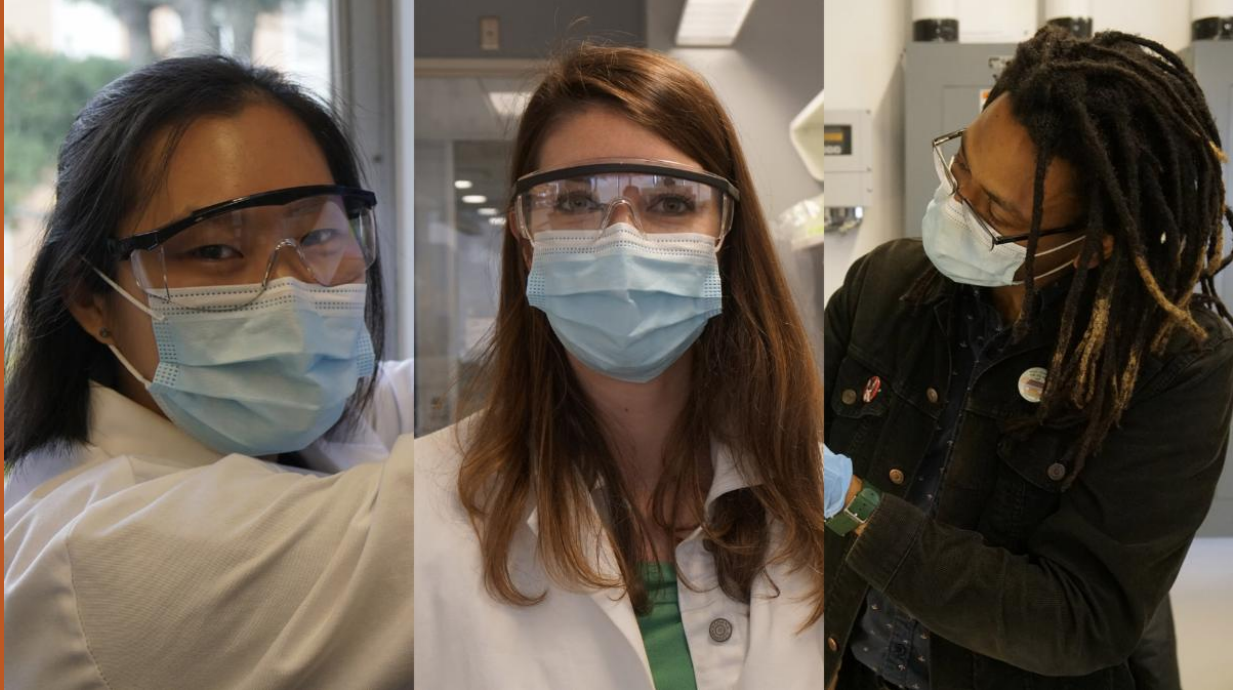
As good stewards to the environment, Princeton University and the surrounding community, be sure to dispose of all used disposable PPE in a lined trash can and never deposit litter on the ground. Also, take care when exiting your vehicle to ensure used PPE does not fall out.

After removing your used PPE, always remember to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.



Earth Month Tip! Reduce waste by using reusable cloth face coverings. Look for cloth masks made from organic or recycled materials when possible—or make your own! Learn more on the [Princeton Sustainability website](#).

Survey Shows Compliance With Mask-Wearing



A new survey of Princeton researchers finds high levels of compliance with mask-wearing and other measures designed to protect people working on campus. Continued adherence to the policies is needed despite rising vaccination rates because regional cases remain high and viral variants are gaining prevalence.

[Read the article on the Princeton Research website »](#)



Princeton Drone Policy

All use of drones on property owned or controlled by Princeton must be approved by the UAS Management Team. A required request form is available on ServiceNow. Currently, only flights for business and research/coursework purposes will be considered (no recreational flights).

Learn more by reading the [knowledge article](#) (login required) and browsing the drones website: drones.princeton.edu



Hazardous Waste Collection

Mark your calendar: Mercer County household hazardous waste collection and electronic recycling takes place at the Dempster Fire School (350 Lawrence Station Rd.) on June 5 from 8am-2pm.

The next document shredding event is Oct. 9 from 9am-noon at 651 Broad Street, across from the Mercer County admin building in Trenton. [Learn More »](#)

Upcoming EHS Trainings April - July 2021

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

Fire Extinguisher Training (Virtual)

April 26 2-3 p.m.

Intro to Biosafety (Virtual)

April 28 4-5 p.m.

May 4 4-5 p.m.

Bloodborne Pathogens For Researchers (Virtual)

May 12 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)

April 30

May 11, 28

June 8, 25

July 6, 23

All sessions are from 3-4:30 p.m.

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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