

NewsFlash!

Announcement: Please review the below memorandum and two attached documents regarding the USC Personal Protective Equipment Standard.

Date: July 9, 2015
To: Principal Investigators, Managers, and Supervisors
From: Randolph Hall/Vice President of Research
James H. Gibson/Executive Director, EH&S
Subject: USC Personal Protective Equipment Standard

As part of our ongoing efforts to improve safety, the Research Safety Oversight Committee (RSOC) and the Office of Environmental Health & Safety have formalized and adopted a more encompassing standard on the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be worn in research and teaching laboratories, shops, studios and other areas of the campus where hazardous materials are used or hazardous conditions are present. This standard is a key element of the university's overall safety program. Your support and close oversight will help to ensure full compliance. The [PPE Standard](#) will formally go into effect on August 24, 2015 at the start of the new academic year.

We ask that as you implement this standard, you provide instruction on the proper use of PPE and continue to encourage safe work habits and prudent behavior in research and teaching laboratories as well as shops and other workplaces where hazardous materials are used. Education and outreach materials as well as training will be provided by EH&S to assist you with implementation. For additional information and online training regarding PPE, see the "[Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) for Laboratories](#)" and [Personal Protective Equipment for Shops](#)" modules available on Trojan Learn. EH&S has also developed a [PPE Fact Sheet](#) and [PPE Selection Guide](#) to assist laboratory and other staff in selecting appropriate personal protective equipment. If you have any questions/comments, please contact EH&S at labsafety@usc.edu.

Thank you in advance for your continuing efforts to protect the health and safety of the campus community.