Laboratory Coats:

- Are required to be worn when working in a lab.
- Minimize contamination of clothes and skin from contaminated surfaces.
- Are made with a tightly woven material to slow the spread and penetration of potential spills to your personal clothing or your skin.
- Are designed for quick removal in the event of a spill or splash by using snap front closures.

Always:

- Wear a laboratory coat when you are working in the laboratory.
- Wear your laboratory coat fully closed.
- Use flame-resistant laboratory coats (e.g., Nomex) when working with larger amounts of flammable liquids and/or pyrophoric materials.
- Remove your laboratory coat when finished working in the laboratory (e.g., going to lunch, meetings).

Laundering Procedures

- Laboratory coats are tagged with a barcode to identify ownership, increase auditing efficiencies, and reduce lost or missing garments.
  - Staff should be issued at least two lab coats. Employees can acquire and use their own supply of lab coats, but EHS must be notified for barcode tagging.
- For laundering, deposit lab coats in hamper located in the first-floor hallway, across BRARC facility (room S124).
- Lab coats in the laundry hamper are collected weekly (at a minimum) for laundering by Unitex Textile Services.
- After pickup from the hampers, please allow for 1-2 weeks for your lab coats to be processed and returned.
- Clean lab coats will be placed on hooks located in the first-floor hallway, across BRARC facility (room S124).

For additional information regarding lab coats selection (e.g., regarding reactive or flammable chemicals) and ordering information, please contact EHS at 646-962-7233.