Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey Laboratory Barrier Coat Preferred Vendor Information

Rutgers University Preferred Lab Coat Vendor(s)

Rutgers recently conducted a comprehensive sourcing event to determine the best lab coat supplier. Following review, Cintas Corp has been awarded the contract for the purchase or rental, repair and laundering of barrier laboratory coats as Rutgers preferred vendor. The information below is based on the services offered by Cintas. Please note that labs using these services have guaranteed Rutgers pricing and favorable contract terms. However, Rutgers labs are not limited to these vendors for lab coat supply and/or laundering, as long as the selected lab coats can comply with the minimum requirements as detailed in the <u>Clinical and Laboratory Coat Use Guidelines</u> (https://ipo.rutgers.edu/rehs/ru-personal-protective-equip).

Services available from Cintas include:

- Rent or buy lab coats in a variety of materials (100% cotton, poly/cotton blends, flame resistant cotton, chemical resistant material, etc.)
- Repair minor damage (ex. lost buttons)
- Pickup/exchange of lab coats for laundering on a weekly, biweekly, monthly, or ondemand schedule
- Inspection of exchanged coats on a weekly, biweekly, monthly, or on-demand schedule
- Provide storage options for clean and soiled coats
 - Note-arrangement for space allocation must be made with your department
- Service can be customized to meet the needs of individual labs or larger centralized service areas

In addition to providing lab coats and laundering them, Cintas can also provide solutions to some of the most common problems encountered when setting up or managing a lab coat system (e.g. they have experience assessing available space and can provide solutions on how to best store clean and soiled lab coats so they are conveniently located and do not take up valuable lab space).

The myCintas system provides users with a way to manage their lab coats with Cintas 24/7. You can visit <u>https://account.cintas.com/online/login</u> to get started, or contact our Cintas representative or REHS with any questions.

Care, Maintenance, and Laundering

The proper care, maintenance, and laundering of lab coats is important. Cintas provides all care, maintenance, and laundering services in accordance with ASTM 1449 Standard Guide for Industrial Laundering Care and Maintenance of Flame Resistant or Arc Rated Clothing and other applicable standards.

The laundering of a lab coat is greatly dependent on the material composition. Contact the vendor for laboratory coat expected lifetime and laundering specific questions.

Cintas Lab Coat Information

Cintas provides 3 kinds of lab coats: liquid barrier, flame resistant (FR), and chemical resistant/ flame resistant (CP FR). Following a hazard assessment, you can use the <u>Clinical and Laboratory</u> <u>Coat Quick Selection Guide (https://ipo.rutgers.edu/rehs/ru-personal-protective-equip</u>) to aid with the selection of a proper lab coat. For the coats offered by Cintas, please see the below flowchart for further assistance. Additionally, appointments can be made to try on the lab coats offered by Cintas by contacting REHS.



In negotiating with a vendor, you should be sure they understand the possible contamination that may be on the lab coat. The vendor should be able to provide information regarding laboratory coat expected lifetime and laundering specific questions.

Customized Program Options

Cintas has multiple program options available. Please contact Cintas for further information to review needs and co-create a program for your department.

Assigned Program

• Lab coats assigned to staff/researchers

Bulk Program

• Bulk lab coats available by size for students/staff/researchers

Bulk Program with Dispensing Equipment

- Bulk lab coats available by size for students/staff/researchers
- Can be turned in/accessed at any time
- Reporting/tracking by user

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For further information (https://procurementservices.rutgers.edu/purchasing/cintas)