

STEPS:

1. Define a research re-ramp plan – Task Force (next week should go out)
2. Centrally procure safety equipment /face-covers, gloves, thermometers, signage, door openers (in May)
3. Follow State Mandate / Open time-sensitive research as early as possible (~June 1st)

RESEARCH RE-RAMP PLAN (Draft)

PRINCIPLES:

Goal: To keep everyone safe, while increasing research activity in a phased approach as safety becomes easier to maintain

Principle #1: Follow the cognizant Local, State, and National Public Health Authority directives to shelter-at-home and implement social distancing

Principle #2: Protect the health and safety of the research workforce, emotional as well as physical. Protect the health and safety of our clinical patients and human research subject

Principle #3: Research experiences for undergraduates are important to their career preparation.

Principle #4: Implement a fair and transparent process for granting access

Principle #5: Ensure as rapid a research restart as the public health conditions permit

Principle #6: Participate in finding cures and preventions for COVID-19, and in assessing the economic, political, and cultural impacts of the virus, while increasing the safe access to all patients to clinical trials for their conditions.

RESEARCH TIERS

TIER 1: Essential research activities.

TIER 2: COVID-19 related Rapid-Response activities.

TIER 3: Critical research activities

TIER 4: Facilities preparation activities.

TIER 5: Time-sensitive research activities.

TIER 6: Human subject research activities.

TIER 7: All other research activities.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS:

- EHS training – current and dedicated (in preparation)
- Comprehensive safety protocol guidelines for researchers (to be distributed)
- Social distancing rules / Occupancy density (1person/200sq.ft.)
- Signing in/out forms and scheduler (up to PIs)
- Equipment will be centrally procured
- Buildings prepared (one way int one way out, active monitoring, common spaces)