



VICE PRESIDENT
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Phased Research Returns to Campus in Coming Weeks Email - Sent May 20, 2020

Dear Research and Creative Artistry Faculty:

Colorado State University will initiate a phased addition to existing critical research to begin in the next several weeks.

Department Heads, Research Associate Deans and the Pandemic Preparedness Team are reviewing applications for this additional activity. Facilities Management has been engaged in water quality and building checks and anticipate buildings identified for returning research will be ready by May 28, as the team prioritizes returning to work by units. Units that have received authorization through the Pandemic Planning Team process will receive a date of resuming work, with the earliest date of May 28.

This will bring research capacity to between 30-50%, adding additional research and creative scholarship to our existing portfolio of COVID-19 response and other critical research work that has been active since the stay at home order began. Some projects may require additional time for preparations by facilities or the Pandemic Planning Team.

The approved application by the Pandemic team does not mean you're immediately ready to initiate a move back into the site of discovery.

Your approved application will generate an automated e-mail notification as follows:

Your application has been approved pending completion of the following:

- 1. Building water quality is verified as "safe and approved" by EHS.*
- 2. Facilities/custodial services are verified as available.*
- 3. Cloth masks and 30 day supply of required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are in stock. If unable to obtain PPE, contact ehs_public_health_office@mail.colostate.edu for assistance.*
- 4. Travel authorization requests are submitted for approval.*
- 5. All IRB, IACUC, IBC, or other required regulatory compliance approvals are in place.*

Follow all requirements in the Return to Work Form checklist and the Employee Training and Consent Form. Employees must complete a training and consent form prior to returning to on or off campus research and creative activities, and a health screening checklist. Both are available on the [return to work on campus website](#). The health checklist must be completed every day prior beginning any work. Research projects must ensure all appropriate regulatory compliance approvals are in place before commencing any activities.

Water quality and building facility checks may take up to five days. You will be notified when water and facilities checks are complete, but we anticipate buildings will be ready on May 28.



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If you are already engaged in critical research on campus or requested the resumption of field studies or other off-campus projects that do not require regulatory compliance committee (IRB, IACUC, or similar) approval, or travel authorization, no further authorization is required.

See the [return to work website](#) for additional details.

We will assess additional applications based on future state and county guidance and examine applications for the release of additional efforts in the next phase in June.

Please also be aware that the university is not moving any additional operations (other research, academics, other operations) to in-person on May 28. The university will remain focused on all other operations being delivered online and virtually until further notice.

The Office of the Vice President for Research will be hosting a virtual Research Continuity Open Forum on Friday, May 22, from 11-12 p.m. on [Microsoft Teams](#). Please join us for updates on OVPR activities and progress in our planning to return to campus for research activities and ask your questions related to research during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Best,
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