OVPR Research Continuity Update Email (April 21, 2020)

Dear Colleagues,

The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) appreciates the faculty, students and staff who are working so hard to keep our campus research functioning virtually. Thank you!

The OVPR will keep CSU faculty updated on research continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please continue to read the weekly OVPR emails, check in with your college's Associate Research Dean, and visit the Research Continuity Webpage for updates:

- **Research Continuity Open Forum:** In an effort to provide answers to research related questions the OVPR will host a **Research Continuity Virtual Open Forum tomorrow on Wednesday, April 22 from 2-4 p.m. on Microsoft Teams.** The open forum will include brief introductions from OVPR leadership followed by a question and answer session. Please email questions to VPR_ResearchContinuity@colostate.edu by 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 21 to be answered in this open forum. Questions submitted after this deadline will be answered in the Research Continuity FAQ posted on the VPR Research Continuity webpage and during the Open Forum if time allows.
- **Non-Critical Research Continues Virtually:** Non-critical research labs and other non-critical research facilities may not be operating on campus, but the important research contributions of faculty, staff and students are continuing as work continues from home. These important members of the CSU community will continue to operate virtually at least until the end of the 2020 spring semester. We have started to draft a back-to-campus strategy that considers the safety of personnel, addresses operational challenges as labs and facilities resume campus activities, as well as the provides the security of returning to our familiar roles and routines.
- **Field Work:** Research activities that are deemed very low risk because they are performed in remote locations and thus are consistent with social distancing guidelines may be conducted while essential-in-place orders are active if approved by department heads and deans. All mandated public health safety restrictions must be observed and university travel approvals are required
- **Working Remotely:** During this unprecedented time of increased telework and sharing of information remotely, please be mindful regarding how information is shared and the nature of information shared. There are growing concerns about privacy and security issues with some videoconferencing services and applications. The University's preferred videoconferencing application is Microsoft Teams. Additionally, sharing of information remotely may increase the exposure of controlled technology or information, creating an unintentional deemed export. The article, "Video Conferencing and Export Controls," explains some of these concerns. If you have specific questions regarding export control implications, contact CSU's Secure and Global Research.

- **Agency Updates:** The National Institute for Health continues to add new resources to their COVID-19: Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding webpage. Resources for NIH Applicants and Recipients can be found online.

For feedback and questions please email VPR_ResearchContinuity@colostate.edu.

Best,
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