



OVPR Research Continuity Updates and Open Forum (May 13, 2020)

Colleagues,

Colorado State University and the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic with a centralized plan to gradually return research operations to campus and off-site locations. It is anticipated that 30-50% of the research workforce will return during the initial phase of operations.

Look for email guidance linking to a Return to Work survey that will be required for all PIs (those performing essential research currently, and those working with their departments and RADs to develop re-entry plans) to complete.

We are planning for all or most in-person research to begin within the next 1-2 months (through June and July), assuming the University maintains compliance with ongoing regional, state, and national guidance. We will continue to update the campus on planning progress and research continuity via email and on [our website](#).

- **Upcoming Events:** The OVPR will be hosting the fourth virtual [Research Continuity Open Forum on Friday, May 15, from 1-2 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. Please join us and ask your questions related to research during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can also submit questions via email to VPR_ResearchContinuity@colostate.edu.
- **Ventilator Innovations:** Woodward Inc. and the CSU Energy Institute have joined forces to develop a [rapid-response ventilator](#).
- **Screening Senior Care Facilities:** Dr. Greg Ebel has teamed up with Dr. Nicole Ehrhart, director of the Columbine Health Systems Center for Healthy Aging at CSU, on new research to minimize the chance that healthcare workers could inadvertently infect vulnerable residents in long-term care communities. On April 29, Colorado Gov. Jared Polis said the state is working on a partnership with CSU to run 45,000 tests on nursing home workers in May and June. He referred to this project as a “big priority.”
- **Lab Animal Resources:** LAR is prepared to resume normal operations when investigators have obtained approval to do so with the expectations that personnel follow specified safety protocols.
- **Sponsored Programs:** Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) Institutional and Agency Responses to COVID-19 and Additional Resources are changing frequently. Please continue to check the [COGR website](#) for updates.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed nearly every aspect of our lives, including the ways we work, play and spend time together. While the coronavirus has been overwhelming to human



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health and livelihoods, we are a resilient community and know better days will return. Here is a short video that shares the passions and feelings in our community. [Thank you for all you do!](#)

The OVPR has witnessed the tremendous ways CSU researchers have adapted to these circumstances and continued to seek knowledge. You make us all proud.

Best,
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