



Research Continuity Working Group and Open Forum Email (May 5, 2020)

Dear CSU research, scholarship, and creative artistry community,

The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) and OVPR divisions continue to work with colleges to assess how the pandemic is affecting research projects. We are actively planning ways to reduce impacts and restart many amazing discoveries. As I announced last week, CSU has convened a Research Continuity Working Group charged with ensuring the safety of our students, faculty, and staff while increasing research activity on campus. This will be implemented in a phased approach with public health guidance consistent with our intent to prioritize safety of our researchers.

The Working Group is well underway in developing a framework for a phased re-engagement of on-campus research activities later this month. They are examining easy standardized practices that can be implemented at the sites of discovery. Decisions about which efforts are restarted in the first phase will be largely determined at the department and college level. Through the working groups planning efforts and its implementation we will seek assurances from efforts that are restarted that safety planning and execution remain our priority. The restart process will be scaled gradually and aligned with public health conditions.

College Associate Research Deans have been fully engaged in this process and are members of the Working Group. They are actively tailoring the guidance for specific research programs in your college or unit and serve as your local resource. Look for information soon about specific laboratory requirements that will be required for a safe return to the lab or field, or other areas of research and scholarly activity.

The OVPR will be hosting the third virtual [Research Continuity Open Forum on Friday, May 8, from 3-4 p.m. on Microsoft Teams.](#) Please join us for updates on the Working Group 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.

We appreciate all you are doing for the campus community.

Sincerely,
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