

Research Continuity Email

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Dear Research Community,

I hope this note finds you well. We understand one of the most consistent activities during the Pandemic has been the continuation of our great research and scholarly work. You are all executing great work that supplements and enhances your teaching commitment, working on campus in labs, in performance spaces, and in training spaces. Currently, we are in an unusual time of remote learning and being in between semesters; your dedication and flexibility are deeply appreciated.

Our continued top focus is on maintaining the health and well-being of our research and scholarly community. As part of this commitment, we are providing opportunities for regular COVID-19 screening for those who are engaged in research and scholarly activity on campus in our laboratories and performance spaces.

Beginning Monday Dec 7, we are requiring all those who are engaged in research and scholarly activities that entail work in campus facilities to participate in saliva screening every week. This applies to those who meet the following criteria:

- Are listed on an approved return to work plan and
- Have interactions with other people when on campus (i.e., are not working alone in a lab or office space).

If you would like to request an exemption to the requirement, please reach out to your Research Associate Dean (RAD) or Institute/Center Director to justify and qualify your exemption.

Caveats and considerations:

- You are exempt from this requirement if you will not be working in campus facilities (i.e., you are exclusively working remotely or you are out of town). However, testing is available if you would like to opt in.
- Persons conducting field research and off campus activities are exempted; however, upon return to campus, please proceed to saliva screening.
- Requests for an exemption will be coordinated across the Colleges to ensure consistency across the research enterprise. Please submit exemption requests to your RAD or Institute/Center Director.

Saliva screening (for people without symptoms ONLY) will be available from **9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the MAC Gym** at the CSU Student Rec Center. Enter through East Entrance – see this [map](#). (also posted below)

- If you have not had a previous saliva screening at CSU, you must [register](#) for one.
- This only needs to be completed the first time you submit a screening, but **please make sure your contact information is entered correctly so you can be reached with your results.**
- Students, please use your CSU local address and not your home address.

Once you register, you must [schedule](#) a window for your testing.

Our aim is to provide evidence-based approaches to our public health and safety efforts. With the rising COVID cases in our region, we will continue to take measures to keep our campus research and scholarly community safe, so that you can continue to make amazing impacts through discovery and innovation.

Be well, stay vigilant.

Best,

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