

# OFFICE OF THE VICE PROVOST FOR RESEARCH



## RESEARCH RESUMPTION: VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020 FROM NOON TO 1PM

- ❖ **Research Resumption Planning**
  - Dawn Bonnell, Vice Provost for Research
- ❖ **Safety Strategies for Resumption of Research at Penn**
  - Maureen O’Leary, Executive Director, Environmental Health and Radiation Safety
- ❖ **Facilities Preparation for Research Resumption Phase 1**
  - Anne Papageorge, Vice President, Facilities & Real Estate Services



# PLANNING TO OPEN UNIVERSITY OPERATIONS

**Recovery Planning Group**

**Council of Deans**

**Academic  
Engagement**

**Research  
Resumption**

**Facilities  
Operations**

**Workforce  
Operations**

**School Committees**

**International Students  
Issues & Travel**

**Public Health  
Policies**

**Communications**

**Research Resumption**

**Taskforce on Resumption of  
Laboratory and Clinical Research**

**Taskforce on Resumption of Social Science &  
Nonclinical Human Research & Engagement**

**Working Group on Humanities**

**Provost's Senior Management  
Group**

**Provost's Council on Research**

**Council of Grad Deans**



# RESUMPTION OF RESEARCH ON CAMPUS



## Research Resumption Plan Principles:

- Minimize risks to the health and safety of the community
- Minimize adverse impact on early stage researchers
- Sustain the highest levels of excellence in research
- Prioritize COVID-19-related research

## Phased in Strategy:

- Phase I: Begins June 1, 2020
  - Increase of prioritized research
  - Enforce population density restrictions (20%)
  - Continue telework
- Phase II:
  - Expand scope of research operations
  - Increase the population (50%)
  - Enforce social distancing
  - Continue telework
- Phase III:  
Return to full research operations with new awareness and hygiene practices as the norm and telework utilized when possible



# **SAFE RESEARCH ON CAMPUS**

## **RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

- **School Plans:**
  - **Manage population density across floors, building, departments and core facilities**
  - **Establish policies on meetings and use of general space**
  - **Evaluate and prioritize research activities**
  - **Evaluate and oversee research resumption plans**
- **Principal Investigators Core and Facility Director Plans Approved by the School**
  - **Social distancing, PPE requirements, cleaning protocols for lab-related research**
  - **Minimizing the number of people in labs or other research spaces**
  - **For field work: travel and with social distancing off-site, risks to participants and researchers**
- **Mandatory COVID Training**
- **Students and post doc participation voluntary**
- **Symptom Screening Daily**



# CONDITIONS DURING PHASES OF CAMPUS RESEARCH

Activity	Ramp Down	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III
Population density	<10%	20%	50%	100% new normal
Research type	Essential	Essential + prioritized	Approved	All
Travel (per Penn policy)	None	None	Approved field research only	According to university policy
Telework	Most activity done remotely	All that is possible	All that is possible	When reasonable
Hygiene Masks, etc.	Required	Required CDC recommendations	Required CDC recommendations	According to university policy
Students/post docs occupy shared offices	No	No	If social distancing is possible	Yes



# Research Resumption: Resource Hub

RESUMPTION PLAN

TOWN HALL TUES MAY 26 @ NOON

MEETING SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS

RESEARCH FIELD WORK

CLINICAL RESEARCH

SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES

As new training courses, policies, guidelines, webforms and resources are made available to assist you in your resumption of research at Penn, they will be made available here.

## LABORATORY GUIDANCE

The office of EHRS has extensive guidance on laboratory safety while resuming research including:

- [Lab Cleaning and Disinfection COVID-19 Guidance](#)
- [Research Resumption: Lab PPE and Preventing COVID-19 Transmission in Penn Labs](#)
- [Research Resumption: FAQ](#)

PHASE IN SUMMARY CHART

LAB CLEANING & DISINFECTION

PPE & PREVENTING TRANSMISSION

COVID-19 TRAINING

COVID-19 EXPOSURES

FORM: RESUMPTION NOTIFICATION

POST DOC CONCERNS

GRAD STUDENT CONCERNS

SOCIAL DISTANCING CONCERNS



# MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER WHILE ADJUSTING TO A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

- **Phase I: A platform for learning best practices that enable Phases II and III**
  - Internal conditions will evolve: social distancing while increasing the population
  - External conditions will evolve: city and state requirements; status of the epidemic
  - Penn's position will evolve: plans and associated requirements for campus activities
- **We will be asking: What is working? What can we do better?**

