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This weekly research re-engagement update is being sent to U-M faculty and staff with active sponsored research, including laboratory, studio, human and field research. Please share this information with your colleagues.

Dear faculty and research staff,

More than 95 percent of our laboratory research workforce across the University of Michigan has now safely resumed on-campus activity, and in-person human research also continues to ramp up through carefully managed tiers.

You can find important information and resources for research re-engagement below. Please work directly with your research associate deans if you have any further questions about your research and scholarship.

Human Research

- The Human Research Activation Committees, charged by the Office of the Vice President for Research, are reviewing more than 380 checklists submitted by researchers across all three U-M campuses. We've reviewed and approved over 80 checklists this week. Given the holiday weekend and the need to modify the checklist, the **Human Research Activation Checklist will begin accepting checklists again on July 6.**
- Research leaders convened a virtual town hall on June 25 to answer questions and provide guidance on in-person human research amid the pandemic. Faculty, staff and students can [view a recording of the town hall](#), but because of the file size, you may have to download the video via Mbox.
- Human research that does not require in-person interaction, such as analysis, computational or dry laboratory office work, will remain remote, consistent with state regulations.
- Resources for human research activation:
 - [Human research activation plan](#)
 - Human research activation checklist

- **Checklist submissions are paused until after July 6.** A link to the checklist will be available July 6 on the [U-M research re-engagement webpage](#).
- [Human research activation tier flowchart](#)
- [Human research activation tier framework](#)
- [Human research training module](#)
- [Research re-engagement webpage](#) (FAQs, guiding principles, activation procedures and committees, etc.)
- [Return-to-work training attestation for human research](#)

Public Health Metrics for Research Re-engagement

- Research employees entering buildings: 3,885/weekday
- Environment, Health and Safety laboratory space visits (May 21-June 30): 7,484
- Supply of masks, sanitizer and disinfectant: Sufficient
- Researchers to date who displayed symptoms and tested **positive** for COVID-19: 0
- Researchers to date who displayed symptoms and tested **negative** for COVID-19: 3
- Please refer to the EHS website for communication between supervisors and coworkers in regard to symptomatic employees.
 - [COVID-19 Exposure and Testing Guidance for Staff and Supervisors](#)

Researchers approved by their unit leadership to resume on-campus activity must continue to practice social distancing and wear face coverings. All research and scholarship that can be done remotely should continue in that manner.

Stay safe and healthy, and research onward.

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