

Research Return

Faculty/Researcher Health & Safety/Scheduling Plan Principles

Your college leadership will provide a Health & Safety/Scheduling planning template that must be completed and approved to resume research, scholarship or other creative activities at on- or off-campus research locations starting June 1st. The overall principles and general information that must be provided in that template are contained below to help you begin preparing appropriate documentation.

Key Points

Consistent with the State of Ohio "[Responsible Restart](#)" plan, UC faculty and other researchers must conduct work remotely whenever possible. For those who require on-campus access for research, the health and safety of all research personnel must remain the top priority. Personnel should consider all surfaces contaminated (disinfect before and after use), comply with University facial covering requirements, wear appropriate PPE, maintain social distancing, wash their hands regularly, and stay home when ill or potentially infectious. [Current UC guidance and policies](#) must be followed at all times.

Information Required

- Research location and personnel
- Research location health & safety plan
 - Plans for maintaining social distancing
 - Plans for cleaning/disinfecting research space
 - Plans for managing common use areas/items
- Personal protection plans
 - Plans for logging research personnel entry/exit from facilities
 - Additional PPE required for the safe conduct of research
- Personnel scheduling
 - Times and locations research personnel will be on site during weeks of June 1st and June 8th (general restrictions of no more than 25% of research personnel on site simultaneously)
 - Times and locations research personnel will be on site during weeks of June 15th and June 22nd (general restrictions of no more than 50% of research personnel on site simultaneously)

Additional notes

- If your research relies on shared core facilities such as animal facilities or microscope facilities, you need the approval of the head of the core facility to resume activity that will require the use of the facility.
- If your research utilizes shared spaces or equipment that is not part of any externally-managed core facility, you must work with other researchers who access and use such space/equipment to develop a separate, shared plan for safe use of that space/equipment.
- Investigators should plan to have limited personnel on site for the foreseeable future. The university will work with other institutions to identify best practices that minimize the impact of the pandemic on research while promoting safety. The density of researchers on campus and plans for managing overall on-campus activities will be re-evaluated in late June/early July. You should assume that those limitations listed above will likely be continued beyond the week of June 22nd for an extended period. Should circumstances change you will be informed.