

**Subject:** Getting back to on-Grounds research: please read if you are going to re-enter.

Hi Everyone,

Many of our building zone groups now have the complete approvals through the VPR level to begin a return to their labs. Here are some key reminders:

- Coming back into the buildings is opt-in for everyone; if you do not feel comfortable coming in for health concerns, you should talk to your supervisor. You cannot be forced back in.
- The safety of you, your family, your colleagues, and their families, depends on every one of us doing the right thing -- staying distanced, wearing PPE, washing hands, sanitizing equipment, and exercising common sense.
- Each research group has their own scheduling and tracking Google Sheet that establishes maximum occupancy in each room. Please always remember to swipe in, sign in on your group tracking sheet, log all cleaning you do there, sign out when done, and swipe out when you exit the buildings.
- Respect the entry/exit protocols for our three buildings. When inside, do the same for stairs, halls and bathrooms. Other common spaces, like classrooms, the Argo Cafe, and conference rooms, should NOT be used.
- Before any lab resumes operation, **the PI is responsible for doing a walkthrough** to inspect for issues -- water leaks and flooding are particularly big concerns.
- Bring as few belongings as possible into the buildings. Recall that shared offices are off limits, unless access plans have been specifically granted to you.
- NMCF is very close to taking in customers again. Given the nature of the facility, please be very respectful of the additional COVID-related rules and protocols. And be kind to the staff -- they've been working hard to help get you back in business.
- If you need access to another group's lab, your PI should already have negotiated access and scheduling with the other group's PI. **Do not enter another group's lab unless you know it is OK.**
- HEALTH ATTESTATION: once your group plan is approved you should begin to receive a daily email requiring you to attest to your health. If you are not receiving these yet, it is still permissible to re-enter the buildings. Unless, of course, you know you have symptoms or were exposed, in which case, absolutely do not come in, and let your supervisor know ASAP.
- PPE/SANITIZATION SUPPLIES: masks, soap and sanitization supplies are being distributed to each lab based on population. While the masks are disposable, they are also reusable if you keep them free of gunk. You should receive enough to rotate them all out on a 4 or 5 day cycle, which allows any virus time to die.
- If you need access to **Jesser Hall 099** (large roller), **Jesser 229** (encapsulator) or **Wilsdorf 103** (teaching lab): you must be approved to use that equipment and have an approved need. Sign in/out

here: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/163YrOa2-oF\\_7DBHGp-  
oaPC8WKxrbcrYsr4Z-vxqpfNE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/163YrOa2-oF_7DBHGp-oaPC8WKxrbcrYsr4Z-vxqpfNE/edit?usp=sharing)

- If you are a **staff member designated as critical**, sign in/out here: [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KLn\\_1aEd63FC8pWxbLnMfkIGZ  
t5ZyNhETjaJFWcS2i4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KLn_1aEd63FC8pWxbLnMfkIGZt5ZyNhETjaJFWcS2i4/edit?usp=sharing)
- If you are faculty, staff or support personnel making an **occasional and short visit**, sign in/out here (3rd sheet): [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KLn\\_1aEd63FC8pWxbLnMfkIGZt5Zy  
NhETjaJFWcS2i4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1KLn_1aEd63FC8pWxbLnMfkIGZt5ZyNhETjaJFWcS2i4/edit?usp=sharing)
- Stay on guard. It is clear from the rapidly rising infection rates in some states that the virus is still quite happy to possess our bodies if we let it. This will not only shut down you, but your entire lab as well.

I want to thank all the PI's for their patience in working through this intense restart process. My special thanks to the BZ - Barry, Bryan, Jimmy, Ricky, Gary, Kyusang, Ji and Richard -- this has been a **huge** workload for them, in service to all their colleagues. And Pam Norris, John Notis and Susan Barker have literally been working around the clock to review and approve your restart plans.

Let's get some data.

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