

Restart Update (edited version)

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To: Research Faculty

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Contains: Summary of actions required by chemistry faculty ahead of an anticipated June research re-start.

Thank you for your prompt response with individual laboratory restart plans. I have approved your individual plans as well as the departmental plan and the latter has been forwarded to the College. The department plan must be approved at both the College and Provost levels, which is supposed to happen this week. In the meantime, there are additional actions you must take, summarized below:

1. **Safety training.** You and all of your lab members should have received a notification through BioRaft about the required training for “Returning to Laboratory Research at Lower Density.” Please complete the training this week (it doesn’t take long).
2. **Health Screening.** Complete a confidential health screening questionnaire (you will receive an email notification with instructions)
3. **ECAS Approval.** We are still awaiting the link to the electronic form that each PI will use to affirm compliance with the ECAS guidelines for themselves and their research team and briefly describe how their research meets the criteria of essential for review and final approval by the Sr. Associate Dean for Research
4. **LGS Approval of graduate students.** This is a multi-step process that requires action by you and your students. Please send an email to each of your students, cc’d to me and to the DGS (Simon), affirming that their return to the laboratory in phase 2 meets the criterion provided in the research return guidance: “Graduate students will be allowed to return to laboratories that have been cleared for limited reopen, and only where critically necessary to maintain or establish research initiatives related to their academic progress.” LGS will generate an electronic form that the student will then use to affirm that they meet this requirement (by attaching your email) and to confirm that they have completed the training requirement (by uploading the certificate that is generated at the conclusion of the training).

5. **Walk your research labs before allowing students to restart work.** Check for any safety issues. You can do this now, or you can do it together with your students on Monday morning. It would also be helpful to walk through the social distancing guidelines with your students in the laboratory first thing on Monday morning, to ensure everyone understands what is required.

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