Research Town Hall – COVID-19 Response

Welcome! The session will start at 3 p.m.

To type in your questions use the Q&A feature of zoom (see below).

Please do not use the Raise Hand prompt.

Audio is not enabled. We are taking text questions and will address them at the end of the presentation.

University guidance as of March 19. Please visit https://researchcontinuity.uchicago.edu/ for the most up-to-date guidance.
Please Note

• Primary Resource: researchcontinuity.uchicago.edu
  • We will post slides and the questions on this site after today’s town hall.

• We will answer questions at the end of the session.

• The situation is rapidly evolving. Expect updates and changes.
Agenda

The focus of today’s presentation is preparation for a shut down.

• Status of institutional support and resources

• Panel discussion

• Research contingency planning updates

• Q and A

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Importance of Public Health Practices

- Work remotely
- Wash hands and sanitize surfaces
- Practice social distancing
- De-densify labs
  - Essential people only
  - Asynchronous/alternative staffing schedule
  - Virtual lab meetings
- Maintain safety requirements
- Respect personnel concerns about COVID-19 risk

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Changes since March 17

• Statewide
  • Illinois reports first COVID-19 death
  • Oak Park orders shelter in place
  • Chicago Mayor Lightfoot press conference at 5:00 p.m. today

• University
  • Member of the campus community tests positive
  • Keycard access for buildings
  • Regenstein Library closed as of March 20
  • Clarity on staff, TA and RA, and postdoc funding
  • Drive-up COVID-19 testing opened for those at risk
  • Medical Center moves to essential personnel

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Website for Research Resources and Updates

• researchcontinuity.uchicago.edu

Research Continuity Planning for COVID-19

Latest Updates:
• March 18: Added Sponsored Research page with resources and FAQs
• March 17: Slides from March 17 Town Hall

Guidance for Research Continuity Planning
March 16, 2020

The rapidly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic requires us to continue to take deliberate steps to actively curtail its spread. Protecting the health and safety of our faculty, researchers, students, staff, and research participants is our top priority, and University leaders and deans have been unequivocal on this point. We – along with our peer institutions – are taking unprecedented steps to safeguard our community, which now must include significantly ramping down on-campus research activities. To help reduce the number of people on campus, we are asking all Principal Investigators who

Other Coronavirus Update Websites
• University of Chicago
• CDC
• Biological Sciences Division
• Office of International Affairs

Sponsored Research Resources and FAQs

Last Updated: March 18, 2020

COVID-19 Research Related Resources

NIH

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID_19): Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients
Summary of guidance to date from NIH
https://grants.nih.gov/grants/natural_disasters/corona-virus.htm

NIH Late Application Policy Due to Public Health Emergency
Provides guidance for late applications

Proposal Submission and Award Management Related to COVID-19
Addresses general questions associated with proposal submission and award management. Some guidance on travel conferences, etc.

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Immediate Directives

We must prioritize the health and safety of research teams.

• Be prepared for a shut down

• Research contingency plans submitted to our unit directors

• Deans and Institute Directors to provide a list of essential on-campus research functions

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Prepare for Possible Lab Closure

• Identify essential personnel

• Identify essential research functions
  • Shutdown procedures
  • Critical maintenance procedures
  • Clinical research (in some cases)
  • COVID-19 research

• Have contact information for all research personnel

• Do not remove items from your lab without approval from your Dean

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What Happens During a ‘Shelter in Place’ Order

• Residents cannot leave home except to:
  • Essential activities (grocery store, care for relatives)
  • Essential government functions
  • Essential business

• Limited access granted to universities
  • Essential research functions

• Access to building is restricted, except for:
  • Previously identified essential personnel
  • Critical maintenance procedures to maintain lab viability
  • COVID-19 research

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• ARC will support labs in developing contingency plans in the event of:
  • Total shut down (maintaining priority animals)
  • Reduced availability of staffing
• Labs need to prioritize animals, ramp down colonies and non-essential experiments now
• ARC is prepared to modify standard animal care procedures when necessary to maintain critical animal resources

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Research Computing

• All RCC computer systems (Midway, Midway2, MidwayR, GM4 and DaLI) will continue to be operational

• Faculty and researchers will have access to their data and be able to run jobs

• User support is available during regular office hours via email at help@rcc.uchicago.edu

• In-person consultation will move to virtual meetings via Zoom

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Secure Data Enclave

• SDE resources (MidwayR and Virtual Machines) will be operational and accessible via virtual private network and virtual desktop interface

• URA, BSD-CRI, IT Services and the Research Computing Center (RCC) are available to assist researchers and local IT personnel

• Please contact securedataenclave@uchicago.edu for questions
Sponsored Awards

• Salary for individuals working remotely and contributing to the project, can be charged to the grant.
  • There are many ways people can contribute: data analysis, manuscript preparation, grant writing, etc.

• The PI/lab should document and retain information on staff and related compensation that is charged to each award when contributions are questionable

• URA will work remotely and continue their normal function.
Panel: Updates for the most common questions

• **Jason Merchant** - PhD students/Postdocs

• **Jennifer Ponting** - Sponsored awards

• **Michael Kwiatkowski** and **Judd Johnson** - Building and facilities

• **Kevin Boyd** - IT Services

• **Paul DeLuca** - Protocol for COVID-19 positive person in your lab

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Contact Information and Resources

• coronavirusinfo@uchicago.edu

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• COVID-19 testing
  • Nursing triage – 773-702-2800
  • Curbside testing is only for HCW and established patients – 773-702-6819