

To: Associate Deans for Research
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CC: Deans, Department Heads
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RE: Research Re-Start – Taking Stock of Research Phase 3



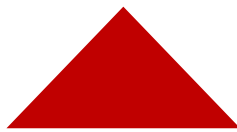
We are nearly five months into Research Re-Start Phase 3, and more than seven months removed from the initial stay-home order from the Governor's office. Your work, with that of your Deans, Department Heads/Directors, researchers, and staff has kept the University of Arizona research enterprise moving forward. Research, Innovation, & Impact is grateful for your hard work, persistence, and creativity as we navigate these unprecedented times.

It is time to take stock of our progress and needs at this point in Phase 3. The relative stability of the research enterprise continues, but we must continue to be vigilant as the growing number and variety of activities on campus can lead to complacency or other non-obvious impacts on research activities. The University of Arizona plans to move to larger in-person and flex-in person classes for Stage 2 Instruction as of October 26. Together, we have approved nearly 800 checklists, and your colleges required supplementary detail to enhance review and compliance with the checklist. As we approach the end of the fall semester, the checklists and materials should be updated to reflect any applicable changes in the work environment, including new grants and contracts. All research that can be done remotely, should continue to be done remotely, in accordance with UArizona guidance.

As noted in the transition from the essential waiver process, expanded or new work must have an approved Re-Entry Checklist, the attachment to this message includes a list of new grants and contracts since June 1 (the checklist rollout date), with a list of PIs who are not named on a checklist. Please review this list to ensure your faculty have either completed a checklist, are included on another researcher's submission, or remain working 100% remotely. New, changed, and/or expanded work should be reflected in the supplemental college materials. Please share information on status of creating congruency with this list with Lori Schultz (lschultz@arizona.edu).

RII staff continue to work on a survey tool to assess needs as we contemplate a transition to Phase 4. The survey is meant to capture information needed to assess a transition to Phase 4, including but not limited to:

- Are research teams able to purchase necessary research supplies, face coverings, PPE?
- Are teams able to access research sites off-campus?
- Planning for Thanksgiving: will it mean a reduction in team size and thus require a pivot to other remote work or alternate assignments?



- The restrictions on group/gathering size is linked with the instructional phase the institution is in. A process to request exceptions is coming soon. How will your justification materials change based on these factors?

Research Re-Start Resources:

- Research Re-Start Plan: <https://research.arizona.edu/covid19/research-restart>
- Research Re-Start Checklist: https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6tllvi9oetMtknb
- Research Travel (out-of-state and international): <https://policy.fso.arizona.edu/fsm/1400/1418>

UArizona COVID-19 Resources:

- UArizona COVID-19 Page: <https://covid19.arizona.edu>
- COVID-19 Data Dashboard: <https://covid19.arizona.edu/dashboard>
- Staged Re-Entry: <https://covid19.arizona.edu/reentry-plan/events>
- Return to Workspaces: <https://covid19.arizona.edu/reentry-plan/return-workspaces>
- Employee/DCC Positive Case Notification Protocol: <https://covid19.arizona.edu/reentry-plan/return-workspaces/responding-to-cases>
- Student Positive Case Notification Protocol: <https://covid19.arizona.edu/test-trace-treat/positive-case-protocol>