



## MEMORANDUM

To: Deans, ADRs, DHD, RII C&I directors

From: Elizabeth (Betsy) Cantwell, Senior Vice President for Research & Innovation

CC: UA Exec Team, Sangita Pawar, John O'Neil, Lori Schultz

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Re: Restarting Research at the University of Arizona

On May 6, Research, Innovation & Impact (RII) announced the process for editing and submitting new essential research waivers. As noted in that communication, this process will continue as the university develops plans to reopen. Draft plans for a rolling restart for research are attached to this memo, and I invite your feedback.

The restart process for research will be gradual and phased based on local public health conditions as well as institutional capacity. Key to the return to campus is contact tracing. This helps spot exposure and enables infected individuals to be quarantined as soon as possible, preventing further spread of the virus. Manual contact tracing is time and labor intensive and requires significant expertise. As part of the re-entry process and, on a voluntary basis, we will introduce an Exposure Alerting Pilot. More details will be shared in the coming days.

Researchers should prepare for the likelihood of a local rebound of infections that may result in a return to more restrictive mitigation measures and physical distancing for periods of time.

Approved waivers will remain in effect. Until the plans for a restart of research are in effect, all work must continue to be in a limited capacity. Once the plans are in place, all research groups will need to submit plans through their department and Associate Dean for Research (ADR). The ADR will file the plans with RII for confirmation and validation. The attached documents provide a framework for phasing in research and a draft tool for submitting plans to reopen. Your feedback is critical in identifying missing elements and clarifying our path forward.

### Documents:

- **DRAFT Research Restart Plan:** This document describes phases in which research will restart, based on both external conditions and required controls.
- **Resuming Research Survey:** This document current only references lab research, but we are planning to create a tool for non-lab research. If you have thoughts about this, please include them in your feedback.



Please provide feedback on the documents by close of business on Wednesday, May 13. Feedback received after that date may be considered in a later draft of the plans. Access the feedback form at: [https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0cBQyCtfAlqsvEp](https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0cBQyCtfAlqsvEp). You can either leave your comments in the text box or upload a file with your suggestions/edits.

Thank you in advance for your observations and continued support. This work was informed and enhanced by resources from our AAU/APLU sister institutions and work with the Regents' and Distinguished Professors.