

*June 3 Sugrue Leadership Message Distribution:*

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*Message from Stephen Sugrue, Ph.D. – Stage 2 of Resuming On-Campus Research*

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Colleagues,

UF Vice President of Research David Norton’s [June 1 memo announced the university is progressing to Stage 2 of the UF Research Resumption Plan](#) and includes guidance on submitting Stage 2 research activity requests for approval.

For many, the most significant change will be an increase in the allowed density of people per laboratory to 1 per 250 square feet. For human subject research, Stage 2 allows resumption of diagnostic, screening and interventional studies.

This message provides additional resources to help principal investigators, or PIs, in the six UF health colleges develop and submit Stage 2 plans.

### **UF Research Resumption Portal and FAQs**

The UF Research Resumption Portal is now open to all UF health college PIs for the submission of requests.

For Stage 2 guidance and portal instructions, please see:

- [UF Research Resumption Plan](#), which outlines general parameters for Stage 2;
- [UF Clinical Research Resumption Plan](#), which outlines health-related human subjects research parameters for Stage 2 and includes FAQs as well as guidance on portal submission, safety and PPE;
- [UF Health Research Resumption FAQs](#), which includes the portal link and instructions, as well as college-specific contacts and updated FAQs.

In particular, please take a look at the updated FAQs linked above, which address many of the questions we have received from PIs over the last two weeks.

### **New Resources**

Several new resources are available for research teams and others preparing to return to the workplace:

- UF Environmental Health & Safety’s [COVID-19 resources](#) include work resumption training materials, a research resumption checklist, guidelines for lab operations, and signs and posters;
- UF Health’s [Screen, Test & Protect](#) site includes information for faculty and staff, students, and patients and campus visitors;
- UF HR’s [Screening and Return to the Workplace](#) site includes links to cubicle guidelines, downloadable signs, FAQs, and the UF Institutional Recovery and COVID-19 Return to Workplace policy and scenario matrix.

Additional [resources for research teams](#) are linked on the UF Health Bridge COVID-19 intranet.

As we progress through this and future stages, please adhere to the UF Health Screen, Test & Protect initiative’s [prevention best practices](#), which include:

- Face coverings – required within all UF buildings

- Physical distance – Keep 6 feet between people inside or outdoors
- Hand and surface hygiene – Wash hands and disinfect surfaces often
- If sick, stay home – Seek medical assistance if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

Together we can ensure a safe and productive return to on-campus research activities.

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