Memorandum

To: All Faculty and Staff subscribed to the ERA listserv
From: Michele Masucci
   Vice President for Research
Subject: Research Guidance Related to COVID-19
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Dear Colleagues,

As part of the ongoing efforts to respond to COVID-19 and its impact on research activities and operations, the Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) has issued a number of guidelines to navigate the changing environment.

As outlined in the President’s message yesterday, classes are moving online but the campus is not closed. Offices and research labs will remain open and staff should continue reporting to work as usual, unless told otherwise.

OVPR is in contact with our partners in the Philadelphia region and nationally, such as the Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP), as the situation related to research evolves. There are many questions that still need to be answered. We appreciate your patience and input as we work with the university and external partners to provide guidance.

Research FAQs related to research activities and operations

Commonly asked questions related to research activities and operations have been posted to Temple’s Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates website. We’ve addressed questions related to OVPR operating status, travel restrictions, the allowability of cancelled travel and conferences, and the steps that need to be taken should your research progress be impacted by COVID-19.

Federal Guidance and Relevant Links

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Science Foundation (NSF) have posted guidance related to COVID-19, including the following:

National Institutes of Health (3/10/20)

NIH LATE APPLICATION POLICY Due to Public Health Emergency for United States for 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

General Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - Proposal Submission and Award Management Related to COVID-19

NIH Guidance on Travel and Meetings Hosted by NIH
NIH Extramural Response to Natural Disasters and Other Emergencies

National Science Foundation (3/9/20):

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) About the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for National Science Foundation (NSF) Proposers and Awardees

Dear Colleague Letter: Provisioning Advanced Cyberinfrastructure to Further Research on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

The Council on Government Relations (COGR) has compiled a comprehensive list of guidance from national partners:

Council on Government Relations (COGR) Additional Resources and Guidance

For additional questions, please contact the individuals below. For questions related to lab operations, please work with your Associate Dean for Research.

- Care of animals: Dorian L. Culmer-Butler
- IACUC protocols: Jennifer Ippolito
- IBC protocols: Mary Pultro
- IRB protocols: David Comalli, La'Shay Cobb
- Environmental Health and Radiation Safety: Greg Lupinski
- Expenditure Reimbursement: Allison Shah
- Travel: Allison Shah

If you have any questions please contact the Office of the Vice President for Research at ovpr@temple.edu / (215) 204-6875