

Appendix B: Research Lab Reopen Plan and Approval Form

Researchers at UofL may request approval to return to research activities that were closed down in response to COVID-19 when that research can be done safely and with appropriate protection against the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Investigators will need to submit this plan for resuming research for approval by their school's Dean or Dean's designee and the EVPRI. The Research Laboratories Reopen Plan provides information about protocols, distancing, and protective equipment for the reopening of research laboratories and should serve as the basis of your application.

If your research relies on shared core facilities (e.g., animal, imaging, 'omics, etc.) you will need to have approval of the head of the core facility in order to resume. Additionally, each core facility should submit a plan for approval of resumption of research activities per Appendix B.

Request to Resume Research Activities

Name: _____ Date: _____

Department, College or Center/Institute: _____

Building name and room(s): _____

Names and UofL ID of faculty, trainees, and staff working in the laboratory. PIs need to include themselves:

Describe physical work arrangements for labs, e.g., one person per bay, alternating benches. Identify work shifts such as alternating days or different hours (see Appendix C for guidance: COVID-19 Transmission Risk Reduction Strategies):

Define detailed plans to disinfect laboratories and any work spaces (include frequency and type of disinfectant) (see Appendix C for guidance: COVID-19 Transmission Risk Reduction Strategies):

Responsibilities for on-campus researchers when they are outside the lab space:

List any core facilities (animal facility, imaging, 'omics etc.) you will utilize and attach core director approval(s):

Detail what work must occur in university spaces that is outside your lab (for example core facilities, and animal facilities):

Detail the appropriate PPE required in addition to what would normally be used. Confirm adequate PPE supply:

Describe your plan to accommodate employees involved in your research who are at higher risk for severe COVID-19 illness. Individuals in these high-risk categories have been identified by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

Approvals:

Principal Investigator _____

Department Chair _____

Dean _____

EVPRI _____

Once approved by your Dean, this plan must be submitted to the EVPRI office. EVPRI@louisville.edu

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