

Message regarding the University and Departmental response to COVID-19

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- **General:**
 - **No one should be in PRB or Smith Lab without being authorized. No undergraduates are authorized to be in either building.**
 - The university extended its travel restrictions to December 31. Personnel should not plan on traveling on university business during that time and any existing travel should be canceled. Critical exceptions can be made, but the justification will be closely scrutinized and it must be approved at the department, the College, and the Office of Business and Finance.
 - The College has not yet received a budget for FY21. However, planning and review of our programs are underway. More information will likely emerge in July.
- **Research Effort:**
 - Stage 3 reopening of our research effort started on Monday for many groups. So far this seems to be going well. About 20 different faculty labs opened in this Stage. Individuals are urged to continue following the building safety protocols and those of their individual labs.
 - Those experiment groups interested in Stage 4 opening should get their proposals to the S&I Committee for review. The approval process, department – College – Office of Research, take about 2 weeks.
 - Building safety protocols are on the web site ([here](#)).
- **Instructional Task Force:**
 - The Instructional Task Force continues to work on plans for next year. More information is emerging from the University regarding expectations.
 - The Department submitted an initial breakdown of the types of courses (online, hybrid, in-person) to the College. This must be approved by the College and we are still waiting on feedback. It will likely be an iterative process.
 - Instructors seeking accommodations due to risk factors should complete the form circulated in email from me on June 12th (subject line: Planning for the Return to Campus: High-risk Individuals assigned teaching duties). This should be submitted to Peggy Link (link.39).
- **Working toward reopening:**
 - The University Post-Pandemic Task Force has a web site describing their efforts. ([website](#)) The Safe Campus Recovery Committee released a report this week. See the message from Michael Poirier on June 25th (subject line: FW: Report) for a copy of the report
 - Today we have been requested to provide information for a general phased reopening for all faculty and staff. Like the research program this will be a staged approach that starts with ~25% occupancy and works up from there.
 - We will have more on this as it develops over the next several weeks.

Resources: (Note: Some are being updated on nearly a daily basis.)

- Help coping - Students: <https://ccs.osu.edu/>
- Help coping - Faculty/Staff: <https://osuhealthplan.com/eap>
- <https://oaa.osu.edu/coronavirus-academic-decisions>
- [Keepteaching.osu.edu](https://keepteaching.osu.edu)
- keeplearning.osu.edu
- keepworking.osu.edu
- keepresearching.osu.edu/
- Student Well-being: <https://ascintranet.osu.edu/sites/default/files/asc-student-wellbeing-resources.pdf>
- Office of Student Life page: <https://studentlife.osu.edu/articles/we-are-here-for-you>
- Employee Well-being: [Keep Well website](#)
- Previous Departmental Messages:
<https://osu.box.com/s/9hgp8aeszgbb9g6p2ym1kdrv7w9owk0>
- Information about Central Receiving of packages: <https://busfin.osu.edu/central-receiving>
- Information about conducting Sponsored Research:
<https://osp.osu.edu/2020/04/02/faqs-on-sponsored-programs-during-covid-19-emergency/>
- Employee Leave Options: <https://hr.osu.edu/coronavirus/leave/>