

Research Operations at CMU: Covid-19

In response to Governor Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order of March 23, 2020, the university is asking all faculty to ramp down all non-critical research activities by Monday, March 30. Beyond March 30, all non-critical research will cease until further notice.

CMU will maintain minimal access to laboratories so that critical activities, including the appropriate care of laboratory animals and the maintenance of cell lines, unique reagents, essential equipment and materials can continue. Research activities such as analyzing data, writing manuscripts, preparing presentations, developing new research proposals, and convening online discussions with lab staff and students that can occur remotely should continue.

Critical research activities include those

1. that ensure the continued viability of critical samples and/or animal populations;
2. that keep critical equipment and infrastructure safe;
3. that if discontinued, would pose a safety hazard;
4. on-site research efforts where the nature of the work is essential to avoiding catastrophic loss to equipment or critical samples and/or data; or
5. clinical activities, which if discontinued, would negatively impact the patient's care.

Investigators who believe that continuation of their research activities is critical can, with their dean's support, request a review and determination by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies and the Provost's office.

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