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Fri, Jul 31, 2020 at 12:12 PM

Reply-To: Office of VP for Research <research@maine.edu>

To: UM-EMPLOYEES@lists.maine.edu

Dear University of Maine and University of Maine at Machias Colleagues,

I am writing to share with you an update on the University's [Plan for Phased Continuity of the Research Enterprise](#) and to provide an update regarding the submission and approval of research and scholarly activity requests. **We will be moving to Phase 3 of the plan as of August 1st.**

Phase 3 involves an increase in on-site research and scholarly activity and an expansion of allowable activity. During this phase we will continue to require submission of your not-previously submitted research and scholarly activity for approval using the [request form](#) which has been in place since March 24th. No previously approved research and scholarly activity needs to be resubmitted. Also, facilities and labs with approved reopening plans do not need to submit projects for approval, but must track and maintain records of their research activity internally, as described in the [Plan](#). This continuing approval process is necessary to monitor activity and to allow for planning in case circumstances change.

As a reminder, COVID-19 Research Guidelines are available at the links below:

- [Guidance for Research](#)
- [Graduate School Community Guidelines](#)
- [Office of Research Development Guidelines](#)
- [Office of Research Administration Guidelines](#)
- [Office of Research Compliance Guidelines](#)

The response to COVID-19 continues to be a rapidly evolving situation even at this stage of the pandemic and this guidance is subject to change. Please be sure to regularly review available Research Guidelines at the above links. Also, please continue to regularly check the UMS Information page (<https://www.maine.edu/health-advisory/>) and the UMaine Information page (<https://umaine.edu/coronavirus/>).

Thank-you for your patience during this time of uncertainty and for all that you do in service to our University, the State and beyond.

Best wishes and stay safe,
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