McMaster’s Phased Approach to Increased Research Activity
Assisting with Your Phased Return

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Frequently Asked Questions - Themes

• Physical/Social Distancing
• Use of PPE
• Buildings & Signage
• Parking
• Research Activity Plans
• Graduate Students
Operations Team Update

- Includes leaders from across the University
- Sub-committees include:
  - Health and Safety
  - Human Resources
  - Wayfinding
  - Building Infrastructure
Health and Safety

Hierarchy of Hazard Control

Continue Working Remotely
(Elimination of Hazard)

• Remove the potential for exposure to COVID-19

Adjust the Workplace
(Engineering Controls)

• Re-design or modify the workplace configuration to enable physical distancing

Adjust Work Processes
(Administrative Controls)

• Implement hand hygiene practices and/or make adjustments to other administrative processes such as staggered shifts, changing of work hours, etc.

Provide PPE

• Where the previous measures are not possible or are ineffective, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) may be necessary to reduce the potential for exposure to COVID-19

Most Effective

Least Effective
Continue Working Remotely

• Working from home remains the preferred method of conducting research

• All employees are to continue working at home unless they are expressly authorized to work on campus
Adjust the Workplace

- Physical Distancing
- Use of Office Space
- Research and Use of Laboratories
  - Prepare the Physical State of Labs
  - Preparing for Subsequent Phases
Adjust Work Processes

- Hygiene Practices
- Adjustments to Shifts or Hours of Operation
- Adjustments to Work Tasks or Deliverables
- Adjustments to Methods of Working
- Restricting University-Related Travel
- Establish Standard Operating Procedures
PPE

• Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
• To be used where the previous measures are not possible or are ineffective

• Working in Labs
  • Masks
  • Cloth Face Coverings (are not PPE)
  • Eye Protection
  • Gloves
Facilities Management

• Wayfinding
  • Signage
• Building Infrastructure
  • Access
  • Cleaning schedules
  • Use of common areas
  • Lab deliveries
• Transportation/Parking
Sites

• Hospitals
  • Additional protocols/safety training
  • Clinical Trials
  • Coordination with clinics
• Animal Facilities
  • Experiments
  • Protocols
  • Guidance
Research

- Research Activity Plan
  - Options for scheduling work
  - Longer-term experiments
  - Planning ahead
- Graduate Students
  - Involvement
  - Timelines
  - Training
Q&A

Regularly visit the research.mcmaster.ca/covid19 webpage for updated FAQs

Email additional questions to research@mcmaster.ca