**Request to Continue Essential Research**

***Note: Essential includes research that:***

* ***Is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic***
* ***Involves clinical trials or intervention studies with patients who need to monitored***
* ***For health and safety reasons must be maintained***
* ***For ethical reasons must be continued, such as some animal studies***

This form must be completed and submitted to your Chair, ADR and the VPR in order to request an exemption to continue on-campus research. The criteria for being approved for an exemption to continue research include the following:

* Adequate personnel available to safely conduct the research while respecting social distancing measures (at least 2m distance) unless appropriate PPE is available; and
* A demonstrated critical need to continue research, which must be clearly justified in this form. Only research projects that are critical will be considered for continuation.

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| Name of Principal Investigator:      |
| Department:      |
| Room number(s):       |
| Title of Project:      |
| Personnel Required: Examples: Faculty, Graduate Student, Postdoctoral Fellow etc       |
| Required resources:  For example:[ ]  Laboratory [ ]  CL-2 [ ]  CL-3 [ ]  Animal Facility[ ]  Liquid nitrogen[ ]  Gas cylinder delivery[ ]  Office[ ]  Other (please specify):       |
| Attach [**Equipment Specific Instructions**](https://research.mcmaster.ca/app/uploads/2020/03/Equipment-Critical-1.docx) for each required piece of equipment (separate doc) |
| Ethics certifications: Examples:[ ]  Human [ ]  Animal [ ]  Biosafety [ ]  Isotope[ ]  Other (please describe in detail):       |
| Rationale for Requesting an exemption to continue research (please provide sufficient detail for a decision to be made):      |
| Estimated Date of Completion if applicable:       |

**Approvals**

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