

# WSU research continues as is under 11/17 Governor's Guidance:

The Washington State Governor announced updated statewide restrictions to limit the spread of coronavirus beginning to go in effect on 11/17. The restrictions specifically state: "All K-12/higher education, health care, and childcare are exempt from the new restrictions and will follow current guidance." Thus, currently approved ***WSU research activities are exempt*** from this proclamation. WSU faculty, staff, and students should continue to follow the latest Office of Research guidance regarding on-campus research.

Nonetheless, it is essential we all emphasize continued safe behavior during this period of rising COVID-19 disease spread. The mitigation strategies implemented for research activities, including distancing, wearing masks, sanitation, and good hygiene, in addition to University and campus specific guidance, including daily attestation and testing, are an essential component of the university's strategy to limit coronavirus spread on our campuses. These safety protocols have proven successful and enabled research activities to continue safely.

Principal Investigators with specific questions regarding their research projects that may be impacted by these new restrictions can contact the Office of Research by phone (509-335-1289), email ([or.hotline@wsu.edu](mailto:or.hotline@wsu.edu)), or by contacting Mike Kluzik within the Office of Research Assurances.

The Office of Research is committed to keeping your health our top priority and we thank the WSU community for continuing to support the health of those around you.