


TO: Associate Deans for Research and Vice Chancellors for Research

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SUBJECT: Discontinuation of “Staged return to on-site research, scholarship, and creative activities” guidance

Today, Washington State University [announced](#) revised COVID-19 policies in response to decreasing COVID-19 cases and the high rate of vaccinations. I am writing to provide specific research-related guidance associated with this announcement.

As disease prevalence decreases, the need for mitigation measures, such as those identified in our “Staged return to on-site research, scholarship and creative activities” also decreases. Still, individuals accessing or managing WSU facilities must adhere to the [minimum requirements](#). This central WSU resource incorporates cognizant public health recommendations and is compliant with state, federal, and other guidelines.

With this central resource, effective immediately, there is no longer a need for research-specific [guidance](#), including:

- Staged return to on-site research, scholarship, and creative activities,
- Monitoring and managing compliance with staged return to on-site research, scholarship, and creative activities, and
- Exception Request: Staged return to on-site research, scholarship, and creative activities.

For research involving human subjects, please review the updated guidance found [here](#) prior to initiation or restart.

With gratitude to all faculty, staff, and students that collectively navigated the challenges faced during the pandemic with diligence and patience, we take another significant step towards resuming pre-pandemic levels of research and we are encouraged looking forward.

Please distribute this information to all researchers in your area. We will continue to update you on any additional announcements and/or further guidance that may impact the WSU research enterprise.

Questions should be directed to Levi O’Loughlin (general inquiries) or Joe Crossno (human subjects research).

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the WSU research enterprise and our efforts to resume research activities safely!

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