Phase 2 of Research Reactivation

Yale guidelines -- Haskins Laboratories

Yale Guidelines

- Objective--Broaden access for faculty, staff and trainees undertaking all forms of research activity.
- Must adhere to Yale's guidance on physical distancing, room density and other public safety measures.
- Undergraduates not permitted on campus during Phase 1 and 2.
- Working from home still recommended.
- Those returning should only access the office or workspace designated as their primary workspace.
- Authorization for research involving in-person human subjects needs an approved reactivation application with a laboratory specific safety plan approved by the <u>Human Subjects Research Review</u> <u>Committee</u>.

Work precautions--HL

- Limit density of people.
- No more than 50% occupancy—pod areas are limited to half the normal density at any given time.
- Sign up for short blocks of time (3 hours max).
 - Haskins Room Reservation Sign-up (see below)
- Always wear a face mask.
- Staff responsible for disinfecting surfaces and equipment.
- All faculty, staff and trainees are required to complete COVID-19 training before returning to campus.

Health and Safety Guidance

- When more than one person occupies a room, physical distancing is required, with at least a 6-foot separation between people, and no more than 50% of normal occupancy. When practicable, one person per research bay.
- Areas used/occupied by a given investigator in the lab should be clearly delineated and disinfected by the investigator before and after each use.
- The participation of research staff (e.g., post-docs, graduate students, research nurses, technicians) in on-campus human-subjects research should be minimized to essential personnel.
- Essential research staff should be appropriately trained in the safe use of PPE and provided with appropriate PPE for the inperson encounter. Training is available through EHS – see <u>Reactivation Training for Researchers</u>

Overview

- In Phase 2, all forms of research activity can be done on campus, even if they could be performed offcampus, so long as physical distancing and other measures for limiting virus spread are adhered to.
- Faculty who conduct in-person human subjects research, who have not already done so, will need to submit a research reactivation application with a laboratory specific safety plan on EHS Integrator. Authorization of the safety plan is required for resumption of their work.

Steps to Complete for Phase 2

- If returning to campus only to access office spaces
- All faculty, staff and trainees who return to campus for Phase 2 must abide by Yale's public health guidelines, which include completing online <u>COVID-19: Return to Yale</u> <u>Campus training</u> <u>http://workday.preview.yale.edu/ReturnToWork/</u> and a daily health check using a <u>web form</u> or a downloadable <u>mobile application</u>.
- While on campus, face coverings must be worn at all times in public spaces, individuals must maintain 6-feet physical distance, and all shared spaces must be limited to no more than 50% of normal occupancy.

For Research activities--Step 1 Determine if your research is exempt from additional review

- If your research involves human subjects and meets one or more of the following conditions, you must submit an application on EHS Integrator:
 - Research covered by an IRB protocol
 - Research that employs trainees, employees, contractors, or others conducting research on your behalf
 - Research that involves teams of people working in physical proximity
 - Research that involves use of lab space.

Step 2. If your research is not exempt, determine how to route your application for approval

- If your planned research is on any of Yale's campuses and involves human subjects, follow the instructions provided by the <u>Human Subjects</u> <u>Research Review Committee.</u>
- If your planned research is off campus and involves medical procedures, biological samples, or requires physical contact with research subjects, follow the instructions provided by the the <u>Human Subjects</u> <u>Research Review Committee</u>.
- If your planned research is off campus and involves interviews, observation, surveys, field experiments, or other research that does not include physical contact with human subjects, follow the instructions provided by the <u>Off-Campus</u> <u>Research and Fieldwork Committee</u>.

Research Reactivation -Human Subjects Research Review Committee

- All in-person human subjects research needs approval from the <u>Human Subjects Research (HSR)</u> <u>Committee</u>.
- For review by the HSR committee, proposals for research reactivation must be submitted using the <u>EHS Integrator</u> system (<u>https://ehsis.yale.edu/EHSIntegrator/Registration</u> VPN connection required). (A 3-minute video navigating the registration is available <u>here</u>.) <u>https://ehs.yale.edu/researchreactivation-%20demo</u>
- The access requires a Yale appointment and an approved IRB protocol.
- Specific questions on EHS Integrator for HRSC review

COVID-19 testing

- Yale is offering free screening to faculty, staff, and trainees authorized to be on campus. <u>Read more about the Pilot COVID-19 Screening Program.</u> If you have <u>COVID-19 symptoms</u> like cough or difficulty breathing, please call you primary care provider for guidance. For the health of our community do not walk into Yale Health without calling first.
- <u>https://yalehealth.yale.edu/covid-19-monitor-your-health</u>

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