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TO: All Pitt Researchers

With care and consideration for the health and safety of the Pitt community, and conforming with public health advisories, today we begin the gradual return of onsite research. **We have created a [website that provides interim resources to begin the research restart plan submissions and approval process](#).**

Our research restart process delegates authority to review and approve restart plans to schools, institutes and regional campuses, using preliminary standards and guidelines from my office. To begin this phased restart, each PI must submit their own restart plan to their Dean, Director or Regional Campus President. The plan must clearly define how your research can be conducted safely under context appropriate standards and guidance approved by your school/institute/campus (e.g. appropriate for clinical work, for STEM laboratory work, for DLAR work, for interactions with healthy human subjects, or for other contexts).

Our [restart website](#) offers relevant guidance and instruction for all areas of research and scholarship at Pitt. We continue to urge researchers who can conduct their work remotely to continue to do so. I do want to note that the site contains preliminary interim guidance and resources that are subject to change. As the University finalizes its standards and guidelines, this page will be updated, and individuals should be prepared to retake training or resubmit information. Please check back often for the latest information.

The process to restart has been guided throughout by [the Research Restart Task Force](#), which comprised over 100 faculty and staff from across the full spectrum of research and scholarship at Pitt.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we work through this phased approach to restarting onsite research at Pitt.

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