Return to Work – Research Operations

- Comply with the university’s Return to Work (RTW) requirements.
- Comply with the University’s phased plan for return to campus when bringing back researchers while maintaining social distancing practices.
- Create contingency plan for possible or confirmed COVID-19 case in lab.
- Allow for incidental visits – less than two hours once a week.
- Encourage remote work when laboratory-based resources are not required.
- Make accommodations for personnel for health safety reasons.
- Develop laboratory-level plans to create safe workspaces and safe practices.
- Ensure that laboratory space is conducive to working safely.
- Stagger work schedules and limit laboratory occupancies to safe occupancy level.
- Avoid having visiting researchers on campus in the summer.
- Check with IRB prior to resuming human subject research.
- IRB approval must be obtained prior to bringing human subjects to campus.

This CAS guideline does not apply to undergraduate laboratories. More information in the “Guidance for Resuming Research Operations” put out by the UofSC Future Planning Group 3.