

Q&A Session for Resumption of On-Site Research Activities – August 26, 2020

Initial Comment: Dr. Kaplan asked that all researchers/PIs be sure to correctly label their -80 freezers with correct contact information (phone numbers) as Bob Jackson will be alerting the preferred contact in the event of a freezer breakdown. Please check to be sure that all necessary information is correctly listed on the freezers.

Q: Can you please provide clarification on regulations regarding Contractors who will be coming to the University?

A: All CDC recommended precautions should be taken, social distancing, masks, handwashing must be adhered to along with a temperature check by the entrance of the building, as well as addressing the COVID App questions. A COVID test is NOT needed for the visit. Staff/Personnel should greet the guest/contractor at the entrance, escort them to the area where they need to be working and then and when the contractor is finished, he/she should be escorted out. There should be no guest/contractor roaming aimlessly through the University.

Q: What are the requirements for a potential pharmacy student to rotate in a laboratory? Do they need a COVID test?

A: A student, just like any other researcher, should have a COVID test before working in the labs. The PI should prepare a laboratory plan to include, masks, social distancing, and designated times for the student to be working at the bench and obtain approval of this plan from Dr. Kaplan prior to the student beginning work.

Q: Are tube masks/neck gator masks permissible?

A: These gator-type, tube masks are not as effective as cloth or surgical masks. They are not recommended, and it is preferred to use cloth or surgical masks.

Q: When can the autoclave on the 2nd floor be expected to be operational?

A: Bob Jackson thought the project was completed. He will investigate and let Mitch know.

Q: New key cards have been installed in the elevators of IRP for the 2nd and 3rd floors. Can signage be posted in the elevators with instructions on how/what is required?

Yes signage will be posted in and near the elevators instructing users that they MUST have an ID card to use the elevator.

The next scheduled Q&A forum is scheduled for **September 9, 2020**.