

Q&A Session for Resumption of On-Site Research Activities – January 6, 2021

Dr. Kaplan introduced John Nysten who gave an update on COVID testing procedures at the Clinics. As students have returned from the winter break the testing need has increased. There are now two separate portals: for students: Student Covid19 Saliva; For faculty and staff: Covid19 Test Non-RFU Student. The latter will continue to be at the drive-through facility by the clinic, via appointment only available 10 AM – 11:30.

Q: Is it correct that dry ice will no longer be delivered every 2 weeks? If so this is a concern for Dr. Dabrowska's lab, as their experiments require large quantities and the durability of the delivered ice.

A: There are on-going discussions regarding dry ice delivery vs making dry ice in the centers. If we decide to go to in-house dry ice making, the Lakeland Dry Ice can still be ordered by a given lab, if they so choose to go this route. It will require a little planning and Purchasing can assist in the process.

Q: Researchers/labs are asked to be mindful of perishable deliveries?

A: During the holiday break, several perishable packages were delivered causing undue stress and scrambling to get it in the proper housing during the closure of the University. Please be mindful of university closing and delivery schedules.

Q: Are all autoclaves up and running? Specifically 2nd floor of IRP?

A: All autoclaves except those on the second floor are up and running. For those on the second floor the parts were received today and should be up and running by the end of the week. Bob Jackson updated the group that we are no longer under the contractual limitations of the purchase agreement and have since moved all of the preventative/routine maintenance of autoclaves back to the University maintenance program – Ed Button. Going forward the process should improve and be more timely.

Q: Any time frame as to when the University Community will have vaccines available?

A: This is frustrating for all involved as the Government offices / Health Department have no ideas as to how many vials will be distributed to our area. John Nysten has reached out the health department and Governor's office, but has received no answers or feedback. He will be persistent and as soon as any information is available he will share with the University Community.

The next scheduled session is **February 3, 2021**. However, if you have something that comes up before then, please reach out to Dr. Kaplan's office directly.