Reopening Research
TOWN HALL

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## NYC COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

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<th>Cases</th>
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<td>Hospitalizations</td>
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<td><strong>Confirmed deaths</strong>*</td>
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<td><strong>Probable deaths</strong></td>
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**Source**: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page
NYC COVID-19 CASES

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NYC COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS

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Reopening Must Be Performed Correctly
Confirmed New COVID-19 Cases
(as of 6/18/20 11:43 am)

Source: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/new-cases-50-states
NYC Current Reopening Status

- As of June 8, 2020 NYC Entered Phase 1
- Higher Education Research Included (as of June 8, 2020)
- Mandatory Guidelines for Employers and Employees
  - Physical Distancing
  - Protective Equipment
  - Hygiene, Cleaning and Disinfection
  - Communication
  - Screening

More information: https://forward.ny.gov/phase-one-industries
CCNY PHASING OF RESEARCH

• CUNY agrees to de-couple campus return for research from In-person classroom instruction
• Gradual, phased approach
• Must be completed ”safely”
  • Masks
  • Social distancing
  • Up-to-date C14 Certification
  • Etc.
• Working in Conjunction with CUNY, ASRC, GSOE, CSOM, Science
• Developing Overall Plans for CUNY, CCNY and buildings
Planning for the Future
Phasing In Research

Stage 0
Essential Research/Maintenance
COVID-19 related Research

Stage 1
Planning and Preparation for Phased Reopening
10 - 15%

Stage 2
Time Sensitive and some Field-based Research
20 - 25%

Stage 3
Further gradual ramp-up;
50 - 60%

Stage 4
New Normal
All on-campus research resumes
85 - 100%

Work from home whenever possible
STATE and CCNY PHASES/ STAGES OF REOPENING

• STATE PHASES AND CCNY STAGES ARE NOT LINKED, I.E. CCNY MAY ENTER STAGE 2 OR EVEN STAGE 3 WHILE NYC MAY BE IN PHASE 1

• CCNY WILL MONITOR STAGES AND COULD MOVE FORWARD OR BACKWARDS

• IF NYC REGRESSES THEN CCNY WILL NOT LIKELY PROGRESS
Phasing In Research
CURRENTLY - STAGE 1

Stage 1
Planning and Preparation for Phased Reopening

- Equipment Preparation
- Plans for additional Personnel on site
- Obtaining Approvals to Conduct On-site Research
Phasing In Research
Suggested Research Prioritization

- Disruption of effort/data collection causes catastrophic data loss or delays
- Seasonal data collection, field/agricultural work
- Long-term longitudinal studies
- Animal experiments where delay would result in euthanasia or colony loss
GSOE Phasing In Research
Suggested Research Prioritization

- Graduate Students and Post-docs close to completion requiring on-campus/on-site access
- Externally funded, deadline-driven research requiring stipulated deliverables (grant/contract deadlines)
- Externally funded research with no ability to pay salaries/stipends for no-work
- Untenured faculty research

Stage 2
Time Sensitive and some Field-based Research
20-25%
CCNY Phasing In Research
Proposed Stages 1-2 Process

Review NY State Guidelines for Reopening Higher Education Research


Link also available on CCNY Research Website
CCNY.CUNY.EDU/RESEARCH/RESEARCH-REOPENING
CCNY Phasing In Research
Proposed Stages 1-2 Process

Stage 1
Planning and Preparation for Phased Reopening

- PI Complete and Submit Online Research Reopening Plan
- Initial Goal for Phase 1 and 2 – Occupancy less than 25%
- Consider rotating personnel to allow research Progress
- Reviewed RRRB (Research Reopening Review Board)
- Final Approval by Provost

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PI PLAN APPROVED BY PROVOST - WHAT NEXT???

PI will receive an approval email highlighting mandatory guidelines, such as:

**Physical Distancing**
- A distance of at least 6 ft. must be maintained among individuals at all times, unless safety or the core activity requires a shorter distance.

**Protective Equipment**
- Masks must be worn upon entering buildings and in ALL Common Areas

**Hygiene, Cleaning and Disinfection**
- Logs must be maintained documenting cleaning and disinfection

**Communication**
- Signs must be posted elucidating COVID-19 guidelines

**Screening**
- Continuing work to address this guideline - Daniel Fimiarz, Dean Perkins (Science)
Employee Daily Health Screening
CCNY Daily Check-In Survey

Home screen of app

Record campus visit
Required for all employees and visitors
Step 1 – Register for system.
(Done once only, generates a “Visitor ID”)
Step 2 – answer the three - four mandatory questions regarding COVID symptoms/exposure.

(*could generate a database of buildings/floor a research used)
If any answers are YES – symptoms or exposure:

- Researchers receive a message indicating that they should not return to campus and that:
- Contact the CCNY COVID-19 Hotline at (212) 650-8801 or (212) 650-7682 or by email to HumanResources@ccny.cuny.edu
- Contact their health care provider.
Step 3 – Researcher verifies that they have answered questions and if all are “No”, receives a visible confirmation screen.
Proposed security entry procedure:

Guard checks access list for name (current procedure).

Guard checks researcher’s phone for confirmation screen (new, to meet NYS mandates for reopening).

If check in has not occurred or technology fails, researcher answers the questions on a paper form and guard check that all are “No”.
When Will Buildings Reopen for Research?

• Soon (Anticipate Week of June 15 or June 22)
• RRRB/Provost Reviewing Research Restart Plans
• Each Building Working to Complete Mandatory NYS Research Restart Guidelines
  • Ordered Masks
  • Posting Necessary Signage
  • Cleaning Building Common Areas/Acquiring Hand Sanitizer Stations
  • Completing Required Health Screening Tool
• Requested Approval from CUNY
What to do While We Wait?

- Ensure PI has submitted Restart Plan if Part of the 25% Initial Staging
- Look out for Health Screening App Registration
- Continue to Analyze Data, Write Papers/Proposals, Plan Research
- Get TESTED!
COVID-19 Testing in New York City

- All New Yorkers Should Get Tested Now, Whether Or Not You Have Symptoms Or Are At Increased Risk

- A Nasal Swab, Oral Swab Or Saliva Sample May Be Used.

- You Do Not Need Insurance To Get A Diagnostic Test

- Your Test Results Are Confidential

- Hundreds Of Testing Sites Across The City. Also Have Mobile Testing Units Visiting Boroughs

Research Reactivation

• Communication is the Key
• We are in this together; We Must take care of One Another
• Individual accountability and Responsibility
• “See Something – Say Something”
• Resources for Students– Advisor/Mentor, Program Director, Chair, Associate Dean for Research (me!)
• Resources for Faculty/Staff – Chair, Associate Dean for Research (me!), HR
QUESTIONS?