# Reopening Research TOWN HALL

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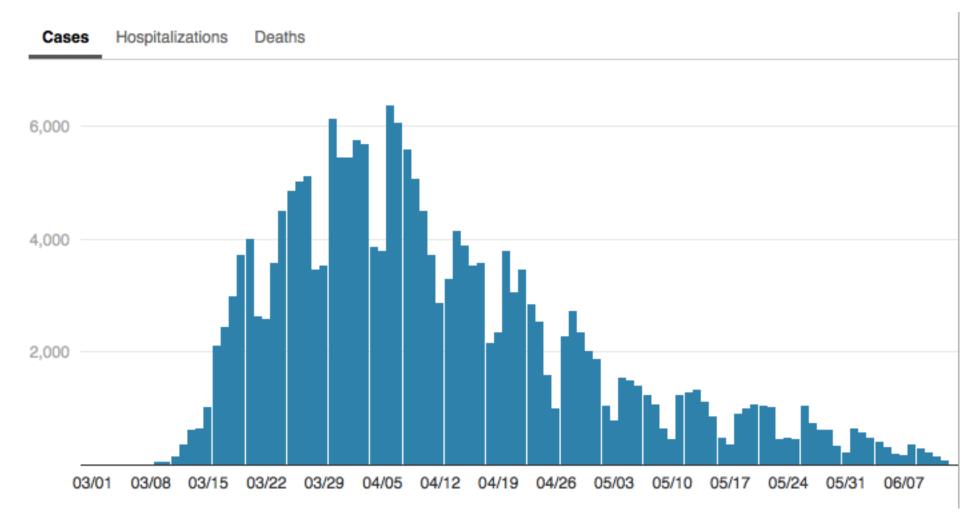
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## NYC COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths

Cases	207,821
Hospitalizations	54,170
<b>Confirmed deaths*</b> Deaths following a positive COVID-19 laboratory test	17,487
<b>Probable deaths</b> Cause of death reported as "COVID-19" or equivalent, but no positive laboratory test	4,684
Updated:	June 17, at 1:15 p.m.

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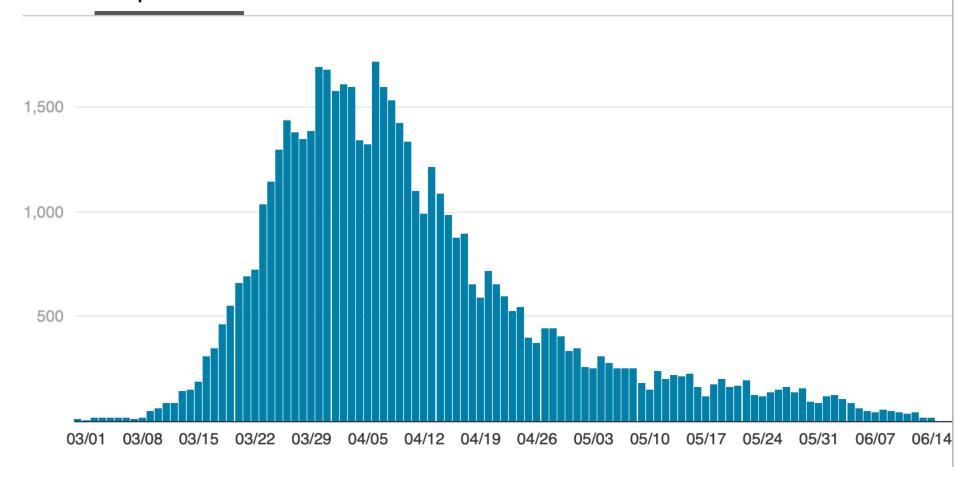
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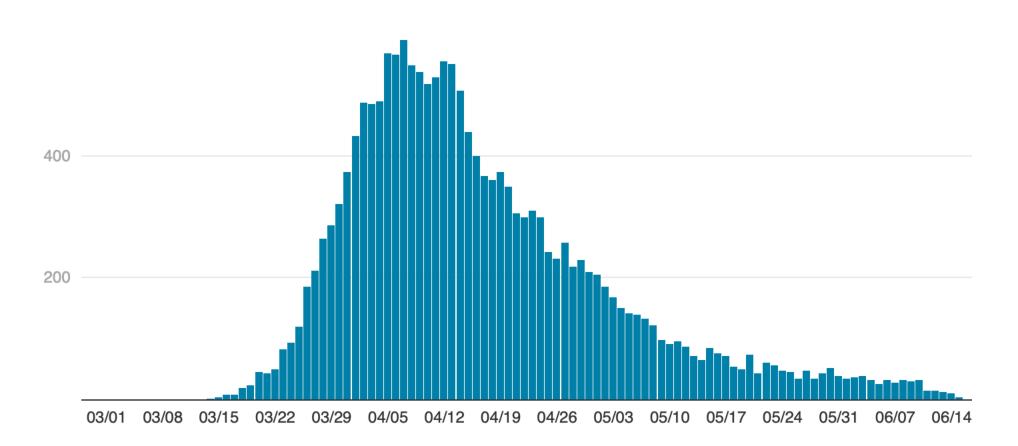
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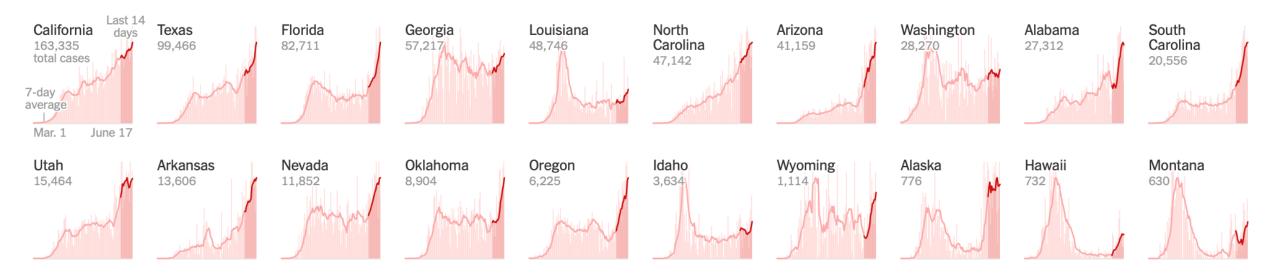
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### Reopening Must Be Performed Correctly Confirmed New COVID-19 Cases (as of 6/18/20 11:43 am)



Source: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/data/new-cases-50-states

# NYC Current Reopening Status



Higher Education Research Guidelines for Employers and Employees

More information: https://forward.ny.gov/phase-one-industries

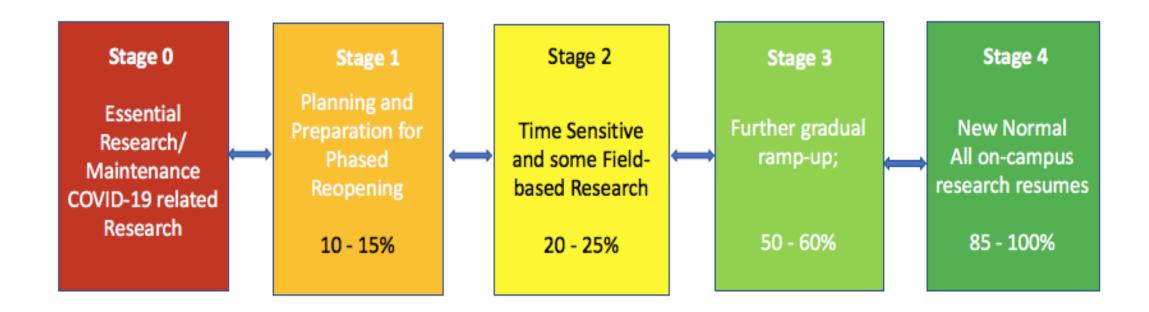
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- Higher Education Research Included (as of June 8, 2020)
- Mandatory Guidelines for Employers and Employees
  - Physical Distancing
  - Protective Equipment
  - Hygiene, Cleaning and Disinfection
  - Communication
  - Screening

# 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



### 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



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

Stage 2

Time Sensitive and some Field-based Research

**20-25%** 

- 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**

Stage 2

Time Sensitive and some Field-based Research

**20-25%** 

- 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

### **CCNY Phasing In Research Proposed Stages 1-2 Process**



## Reopening New York

Higher Education Research Guidelines for Employers and Employees



These guidelines apply to all higher education research facilities that have been permitted to reopen, as well as research activities statewide that were previously permitted to operate as essential. See "Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Higher Education Research" for full details.

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, all managers/operators of higher education research facilities should stay up to date with any changes to state and federal requirements related to higher education research activities and incorporate those changes into their operations. This guidance is not intended to replace any existing applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and standards.

#### Mandatory **Recommended Best Practices** ~ For any research activities occurring indoors, total Modify the use and or restrict the number of workstations Physical occupancy is limited to 50% of the maximum occupancy (e.g. lab benches) so that individuals are at least 6 ft. apart Distancing of a particular area as set by the certificate of in all directions (e.g. side-to-side and when face one occupancy. another) and are not sharing workstations without cleaning and disinfection between use. A distance of at least 6 ft. must be maintained among individuals at all times, unless safety or the core activity Minimize the number of individuals needed to be at the requires a shorter distance. Any time individuals must location at a given time. Limit activities to only one come within 6 ft. of another person, they must wear an individual where one individual can complete the activity acceptable face covering. safely (e.g. one individual present to feed animals).

#### Review NY State Guidelines for Reopening Higher Education Research

(https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governo r.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/HigherEdResearch\_ ShortGuidelines.pdf)

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

Stage 2

Time Sensitive and some Fieldbased Research

- 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 work 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)

#### **CUNY MUST APPROVE CCNY REOPENING PLAN**

# Employee Daily Health Screening

# Home screen of app

# CCNY Daily Check-In Survey



Record campus visit Required for all employees and visitors

REGISTER

**DAILY CHECK-IN** 

Step 1 – Register for system. (Done once only, generates a "Visitor ID")



#### Campus Visitor Registration

All CCNY	employees	and visitors	must	register	before	visiting	campus.	You do	not have	to re	gister
multiple t	imes.										

E-mail			
-			
Phone To notity about possible expos	ure to COVID-19		
Role		<b>•</b>	
Affilation Department or Company			
Responsible Party:			
Name			
CCNY Supervisor, Lab PI, or Fa	cility Mananger		
E-mail			



### Step 2 – answer the three - four mandatory questions regarding COVID symptoms/exposure.

(\*could generate a database of buildings/floor a research used)

#### Campus visit survey

Must be completed by all employees and visitors before visiting CCNY campus. **One submission/day is sufficient.** 

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Visitor's E-mail

Access Code

Provided during registration

Do not use on public computers

In the last 14 days:

Have you experienced any new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19 that are not attributable to another condition? These include fever (temperature > 100.4°F, 38° C), chills, cough, shortness of breath, a loss of taste and/or smell, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, sore throat, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

🔿 Yes 🔿 No

Have you gotten a positive result from a COVID-19 test that tested saliva or used a nose or throat swab? (not a blood test)

🔿 Yes 🔿 No

Were you notified by your medical provider or the NYC Test and Trace team to remain home because of COVID-19?

🔿 Yes 🔿 No

Have you been in close or proximate contact with a person with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection?

🔾 Yes 🔾 No

CCNY locations visiting today

Reason for the visit

□ I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information will affect my access to the facilities of CCNY



If any answers are YES – symptoms or exposure:

- Researchers receive a message indicating mpus and mpus and warning!
  Are you sure you wish to answer "Yes" to COVID-19 questions?
  GO BACK
  PROCEED .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.

**Check-In Verification** 

### Jun 18th, 2020

Checked at: 11:15:27 AM

OK

CLEAR

VERIFY

# 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



Https://Www1.Nyc.Gov/Site/Coronavirus/Ge t-tested/Covid-19-testing.Page

- 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

