Guidelines for Resuming Limited Research in the Rankin Lab
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

To prepare for a limited reopening of research, the following guidelines have been implemented, but do not supersede guidance from the University or State of Connecticut.

- Only OVPR-approved Phase II research will be supported at this time.
- Fill out log sheet each time you enter or leave the lab (located on clipboard above AED just inside entry door).
- Appropriate social distancing measures will be maintained. Options to get work done that can be accomplished in a less populated area (private office, home) should be considered.
- Appropriate PPE must be worn - in addition to the normally required lab safety equipment, face coverings must be used at all times in the lab.
- The wet lab area is generally segregated by lab group. Different labs should make every attempt to confine their activity to their respective areas. Where this is not possible (for example, with common use equipment), users should alternate usage to avoid congregation.
- In cases where users may need dry lab space, arrangements should be made in advance to limit the number of people in the space. Time should be scheduled with lab manager to minimize contact.
- Researchers must maintain the prescribed 6-foot distance from others.
- Valves (water, air) and handles touched by users should be wiped down with disinfectant (preferably 70% isopropanol or ethanol) before and after use.
- Shared equipment must be disinfected by user after every use.
- Common use dry lab surfaces and equipment must be sanitized after use.
- Per University guidance, undergraduates will not be allowed in the lab until further notice.
- Please allow additional time for requests for space or assistance. Any requests will be addressed as quickly as possible but will likely be delayed by operational constraints.
- Anyone not feeling well or exhibiting symptoms of illness should stay home. See the following links for additional guidance:
  https://ovpr.uconn.edu/covid-19-guidance-for-the-uconn-research-community/guidance-on-research-employees-returning-to-work/

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