

**NOTE:** All ongoing research must meet the qualifications as outlined in the Vice Chancellor for Research Pramod Khargonekar’s communication from March 30, 2021: <https://news.research.uci.edu/vcr/phase-3-research-transitioning-starts-on-april-5-2021>

As more researchers begin to transition to Phase 3 research, EHS is reminding the research community of the safety protocols, protective measures, and ongoing controls in place in research spaces at UCI.

EHS will continue performing spot checks to help foster and promote compliance in laboratory spaces using the following checklist: [https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/\\_pdf/returning/spot-check.pdf](https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/returning/spot-check.pdf)

**Available resources to assist in Phase 3 Research transition:**

Safety Protocol	Resources: Protective Measures and Controls
Checklist for Research Activities	<a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/returning/checklist-for-research.activities.pdf">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/returning/checklist-for-research.activities.pdf</a>
Research Safety Procedures to Reduce COVID-19 Transmission	<a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/returning/research-safety-procedures-reduce-transmission.pdf">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/returning/research-safety-procedures-reduce-transmission.pdf</a>
Field Safety Protocols Checklist	<a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/field-protocol-checklist.pdf">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/field-protocol-checklist.pdf</a>
Physical Assessment Self Evaluation Reference Guide	<a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/physical.php">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/physical.php</a>
Returning To Campus Training Requirements	<a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/training-returning-to-campus.php">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/training-returning-to-campus.php</a>
PPE for COVID-19 Protection	<p><a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/face-covering-distribution.php#face">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/face-covering-distribution.php#face</a>            Contact <a href="mailto:safety@uci.edu">safety@uci.edu</a> or call (949) 824-6200 with your request for the following PPE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face Coverings</li> <li>• Face Shields</li> </ul> <p>Thermometers may be purchased for any human clinical research. Please email <a href="mailto:safety@uci.edu">safety@uci.edu</a> for approval.</p>

<p><b>Non-UCI Affiliates/Vendor Guidance Document</b></p>	<p><a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/vendor-reference-guide.pdf">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/vendor-reference-guide.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Working Alone in the Lab Reference Guide</b></p>	<p><a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/returning/working-alone-reference-guide.pdf">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/returning/working-alone-reference-guide.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>HVAC</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/hvac.php">https://www.ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/hvac.php</a></p>
<p><b>Return to Campus Approved Signage</b></p>	<p><a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/signage.php">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/signage.php</a></p>
<p><b>Cleaning Guidance and Cleaning Supplies</b></p>	<p>Email <a href="mailto:logisticsupportteam@uci.edu">logisticsupportteam@uci.edu</a> to obtain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disinfectant spray</li> <li>• Paper towels</li> <li>• Vinyl or PVC gloves</li> </ul> <p>Cleaning Guidance for Laboratories:  <a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/cleaning/lab-cleaning-guidance.pdf">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/cleaning/lab-cleaning-guidance.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>How to Report a COVID Safety Concern</b></p>	<p><a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/forms/report-injury/index.php">https://ehs.uci.edu/forms/report-injury/index.php</a></p>
<p><b>Positive or Suspected Case in the Work Place</b></p>	<p><a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/outbreak-follow-up-flowchart.pdf">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/outbreak-follow-up-flowchart.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Water Coolers and Bottled Water Units</b></p>	<p><a href="https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/bottled-water-and-dispenser-units-guidance.pdf">https://ehs.uci.edu/public-health/covid-19/_pdf/bottled-water-and-dispenser-units-guidance.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Information for Staff Regarding Coronavirus</b></p>	<p><a href="https://hr.uci.edu/disaster-relief/report-known-cases.php">https://hr.uci.edu/disaster-relief/report-known-cases.php</a></p>
<p><b>Safety Information for Campus Visitors</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.ehs.uci.edu/campus-visitors/index.php">https://www.ehs.uci.edu/campus-visitors/index.php</a></p>
<p><b>COVID Related Executive Directives and Policies</b></p>	<p><a href="https://uci.edu/coronavirus/executive-directives/index.php">https://uci.edu/coronavirus/executive-directives/index.php</a></p>

## **Safety Lab Practices:**

Many standard lab practices double as effective infection control measures:

- Staff should continue to wear the same PPE they use in normal conditions.
- Routine handwashing, especially performed after doffing gloves, assists in potentially preventing contamination from experiments onto clean surfaces. Handwashing also works well in limiting the spread of common illnesses.
- Maintain standard disinfection protocols and consider expanding them to surfaces in labs where staff frequently work.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please reference the EHS website at: [www.ehs.uci.edu](http://www.ehs.uci.edu) or contact EHS at (949) 824-6200 or at [safety@uci.edu](mailto:safety@uci.edu).