

Subject: Update: Research Guidance

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Dear Colleagues,

I write to provide an update on our approach to research, as promised in yesterday's [University message](#). In consultation with President Ryan, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Craig Kent, and Vice President for Research Ram Ramasubramanian, the following principles are guiding our efforts on research. Research, like education, is central to the University's mission. Similar to our extraordinary effort to move classes online, we are taking dramatic steps to respond to this public health crisis while continuing our research mission.

1. In keeping with, and directly quoting, yesterday's message: "All faculty and staff who can work remotely should be told to do so. We are mandating telecommuting for all faculty and staff except those who must report in person to carry out key functions for their units, schools, or UVA Health." This directive applies to all University employees.
2. Like managers across Grounds, Principal Investigators/Lead Researchers "have the authority to identify those who must report and those who can work remotely and should share direct guidance with their faculty and staff. We understand that some staff may need to consult with their managers to better understand how to conduct their work under the changed circumstances, and some may need to return to Grounds to collect items necessary to work remotely. We expect these plans to be fully implemented no later than the end of the day, Friday, March 20."

We all remain grateful for your patience and partnership as we face these unprecedented times. In addition to the University's [coronavirus website](#), please visit the [Vice President for Research website](#) for specific resources and detailed guidance. Principal Investigators/Lead Researchers can find detailed research continuity guidelines [here](#).

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