In preparation for the possible move to Level 1 of USU’s Infectious Disease Plan, we are working to determine essential on-campus research activities that must continue. Utah State University has established the following criteria to identify these on-campus activities:

- Research directly related to COVID-19.
- Projects that, if paused, would result in a loss of years of effort or data.
- Projects that, if paused, would result in a loss of a major investment.
- Work that maintains major research equipment in a safe standby mode in labs.
- Work that maintains crucial samples, plants, and animal populations.
- Other projects deemed essential by university administration.

The process for evaluating on-campus research activities for continuation is outlined below.

1. **SELF ASSESSMENT**
   Faculty researchers review the criteria to determine eligibility for continuing on-campus activities.

   - YES
   - NO

2. **REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION**
   Faculty fill out a Qualtrics form (https://bit.ly/345J6qB) to explain their research and how it fits the criteria for continuing on-campus research.

3. **APPROVAL PROCESS**
   Requests for consideration will be routed to department heads or center directors, deans, the VPR, and President.

   - YES Department head/Center director
   - NO
   - YES College dean
   - NO
   - YES Vice President for Research
   - NO
   - YES President
   - NO

   **CONTINUE ON-CAMPUS RESEARCH ACTIVITIES**

   - Notification sent to faculty members
   - Students workers verify voluntary status
   - Facilities are monitored for approved use only
   - Consistent updates and communication
   - Notification to DH and deans.

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