Frequently Asked Questions about Restarting Research at SFSU (on-campus)

Q: How frequently will requests for space be open?
A: It depends on, University, Chancellor’s Office, City, County, and State guidelines.

Q: How do I modify my protocol to change times and dates?
A: So long as modifications stay within the approved parameters and follow best practices, and most recent guidelines, they do not need to be registered to the existing protocol. If the changes will go beyond the approved protocol, a new application will need to be made at the next available window.

Q: How do I add new students or employees to my approved protocol?
A: Please fill out the following form. Also please maintain a record of the completion of the appropriate COVID-19 training certificate for the students and/or employees.

Q: Where do I report violations? Can this be anonymous?
A: Please see Environment, Health, and Safety (https://ehs.sfsu.edu/).

Q: Where do I get extra signage?
A: Please contact Jessica Mankus (jmankus@sfsu.edu) if you need signs.

Q: Are there signs for my individual lab?
A: No at this time we cannot provide signs for individual labs, however, we can provide the templates for you to print out appropriate signs. Please contact Jessica Mankus (jmankus@sfsu.edu) if you need these templates.

Q: Where do I go to pick up cleaning supplies for my lab/space? Do I go to the stockroom to pick up cleaning supplies?
A: Michael Scott is working with each college to create a centralized resource space for cleaning supplies; for COSE faculty the biology and chemistry stockrooms will have the available cleaning supplies.

Q: If there is only one person using a space does it need to be cleaned?
A: Yes, please follow the appropriate guidelines to maintain safe working environments for all.

Q: Why can we have two people in an elevator when it is smaller than 250 square feet?
A: Two people are allowed in an elevator when they are able to maintain six feet of distance and the duration of the time in a confined space (less than 250 sq. ft) is relatively short; likewise, masks and other safety measures must be maintained for the duration of the elevator ride.

Q: When will we be able to increase the density of people in space?
A: It depends on the current public health guidelines. SF State is committed to the health and safety of its students, staff, and faculty as well as the surrounding community.
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Q: Do students enrolled in BIO 890 or 897 need to sign a CSU release of liability form? Where do we get the form and where does it go?

Q: How can outside vendors get permission to come on campus for service and preventative maintenance of existing equipment? How can outside vendors get permission to demonstrate or install new grant-acquired equipment?
A: Please contact Johnson Yao (johny@sfsu.edu) to coordinate these efforts.

Q: How soon will core facilities open?
A: It depends on the college and appropriate health and safety guidelines.