

When BU announces a research ramp up, we look forward to re-beginning research that cannot advance remotely. Although this is important for productivity, our continued emphasis must be to maintain the very best practices for protecting our health and preventing the spread of virus. We will begin at 20% capacity, using elevated hygiene and physical distancing practices. Creative and flexible scheduling can enhance productivity, such as shift work using off-hours. Coordinated efforts will be key to maximizing health and success. More information is available from the university's [Research Recovery Tool Kit](#). Guidelines are as follows:

LIMIT LAB ACCESS.

Full capacity for the large open wet lab areas of R2 and R3 is 44 researchers each, so 20% means there should never be more than 9 total at a time in either of these open lab areas.

There may be no more than one person at a time in any one lab bay.

There may be no more than one person at a time across both sides of any one lab bench.

For the cell culture rooms, there may be no more than 2 people at a time.

For special use lab rooms (microscopy, Luminex, FlexiVent, chemicals, etc.), single occupancy only.

Adhere to strict scheduling in coordination with your PI and using shared calendars. Do not come in or occupy space unless you have signed up for that space. Calendar access for R can be provided by Ernest Dimbo (edimbo@bu.edu).

Share responsibilities, to limit needs for different individuals to visit campus. If one person does another's work while on campus to prevent the second person needing to make a trip, that benefits everyone.

What can be done remotely should continue to be done remotely, not on site.

Prioritize what is most important, and forego the less pressing or impactful.

No congregations or group meetings of any kind. Continue using Zoom or other web tools instead.

MAXIMIZE PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND HYGIENE PRACTICES.

Consider yourself and everyone else as possibly infectious. Maintain >6-foot distance and minimize exposures.

Use a mask while on campus.

Wash hands frequently.

Use gloves as usual inside of labs, and not outside of labs.

Disinfect shared-use door handles, tables, and instruments before and after each use and again before leaving.

Mark 6-foot distances in shared areas with tape, and post/recognize signs as reminders.

Break rooms (e.g., kitchen spaces) should only be used for retrieving items, not for occupancy.

The R3 conference room should maintain the glass wall open and never have more than 2 individuals present.

Modify traffic patterns to minimize physical interactions.

BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE IMMEDIATE NEED TO QUARANTINE SOME AND/OR RAMP DOWN ALL.