

**RESEARCH TOWN HALL  
QUESTIONS  
THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2020 AT 1:30 PM  
VIA ZOOM**

The following questions/issues were raised at the town hall:

1. ethics applications
2. plans for fieldwork in phase 1
3. social distancing on campus
4. To what extent will PI's be expected to provide in-person supervision of lab activities (especially if working from home, higher risk health issues, concerns about physical distancing, etc.)?
5. Will there be no labs open in the lab building?
6. Some research programs (such as mine) run almost entirely on field staff who are undergrads during the year; they support graduate research by doing the underlying "routine" monitoring. When will these people be allowed to work (which phase of return)?
7. There is reference in the Back to Research Plan about an online training module for COVID-19 for researchers, and a health screening questionnaire. When will these be available?

*Some in the US have been discussing that approach as well - I'll see what I can find out.*

8. The Regina police service and Sasktel are doing the two weeks on and two off isolation.
9. Would GHG be considered part of Research Park?
10. If we have already filled out a form for continuation of research, do we have to fill out a more current form?
11. Link to research policies - <https://www.uregina.ca/research/policies-forms-top/index.html>
12. If we apply to use our lab as a social scientist, are we preventing a space for a biological scientist?
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15. As an REB member, and reviewer, my preference would be to accept and review ethics applications for face-to-face research and have the REB hold them once they've been reviewed. I am concerned about being swamped with requests to review once things open up, and also I expect many REB board members will be putting our own in once things open up. Research could be significantly held up if there is a glut of applications once things open up.
16. Students hanging out in the atrium in the AdHum.
17. What about students who have had many semesters in lab, and have now graduated their BSc - will they allowed in the laboratory once students are allowed in?

18. What about two PIs with large but contiguous laboratory space?
19. What will the protocols be for cleaning? Can we be involved in cleaning our own labs, or workspaces within them (ie., put our own measures in place that adhere to guidelines)? Should we plan to provide our own supplies, etc?
20. If we need to revise our risk assessment form, can we do that?
21. A standard protocol could be attached to the application when returned to the researcher.
22. My research is face to face and the methodology cannot be changed. I need to be able to hit the ground running when restrictions are removed. If REB is not accepting applications, I am concerned there is going to be a backlog and further delay. Is there a plan for addressing this?
23. In many instance proper lab hygiene covers many covid issues. For instance, we enter lab, wash hands put on gloves, lab coat before we touch anything. Upon leaving we take gloves and lab coat off, wash hands and exit the lab.
24. Before access in Phase 2, is it OK to visit the lab briefly to pick up materials if necessary?