**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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Due to the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic, the Province of Saskatchewan (the “**Province**”) has imposed necessary distancing measures and restrictions in an effort to slow the transmission of the virus and reduce the risk to the population. The Province has now developed a phased-in approach to lift restrictions on businesses and services in an effort to reopen the provincial economy and public life. Link found here: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/re-open-saskatchewan-plan/re-open-saskatchewan>

The University of Regina (the “University”) has designed a four-phase Back to Research Plan (the “**Plan**”) commencing May 4, 2020 designed to open up research activity at the University in a measured and responsible way and in concert with the Province’s reopening plan. The University has developed Research and Safety COVID 19 Guidelines to assist with reopening the research enterprise. Link found here: <https://www.uregina.ca/research/policies-forms-top/covid-19-research.html>

Research Personnel will have an opportunity to resume lab and field research activities in accordance with approvals provided on a case-by-case basis by the Vice-President (Research). Although the University has taken careful steps to mitigate risk to those participating in research activities, it is understood that there is still a level of risk associated with these activities and that Research Personnel may not feel comfortable engaging in these activities during the early stages of the Plan.

Those individuals who do not wish to engage in research activities during the early stages of the Plan will not be subject to penalties from the University for non-participation while restrictions are in place.

**I hereby acknowledges that I:**

* **consent OR**
* **do NOT consent**

**to participating in research activity**.

If I have consented to participating in research activities, I acknowledge by signing below that I have read the University of Regina Research and Safety COVID 19 Guidelines indicated above.

**Research Personnel**

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