

**RESEARCH TOWN HALL
FRIDAY 17 APRIL 2020 AT 10:00 AM
VIA ZOOM**

Update from Kathy

- Greetings and welcome to the third virtual town hall in this series
- The province remains under a state of emergency though Premier Moe has signaled his intention next week to lay out a gradual and phased plan for re-opening the economy
- Accordingly, a sub-committee of CCR has begun work on developing a plan for relaxing restrictions on research activity; also following a gradual and phased approach. Irfan will update you shortly.
- And, a committee has been created to review the research continuance / risk assessment forms that have been submitted. The committee will now begin that process.
- Reminder of the April 30 milestone for reviewing the status of current measures
- Nick will also provide an update on what has been done by he and the FGSR team to date regarding supports for graduate students.
- A web page has been created where notes from these virtual town hall meeting and other related documents will be posted. The page is accessible via a link at the top of the “Quick Links” menu on the VPR’s web page (<https://www.uregina.ca/president/executive-team/vp-research/>)

Update from Irfan

- A sub-committee of CCR is developing a policy on research for phase-in approach
- four phases (phase one is the lowest level of risk)
- phases not defined right now
- ideas/suggestions/details welcome
- send feedback to Chris Yost
- recommendations will be submitted by April 27

Nothing will happen (i.e. research activities won't re-start) until the State of Emergency is lifted. We will have another town hall once the report being prepared by the CCR subcommittee is ready.

Update from Dr. Nicholas Jones



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1. Is there a specific Risk Assessment Form and where do we find it?

The form is called COVID-19 Research Risk Assessment and Continuity Planning Guide -
<https://www.uregina.ca/research/policies-forms-top/index.html>

2. Should we be submitting evaluation forms now so we are ready to roll out phase 1? Discussion on safety protocol and details that should be included in the form.

Yes, submit your evaluation forms now. A detailed e-mail can be attached to the form.

3. Questions regarding access to labs – is it one person assigned to the lab or will it be one person assigned at a time? Discussion on cleaning labs.

Some labs will have to have two people with social distancing. We will hopefully have more detail regarding access and cleaning of labs in phase 1.

4. Discussion of Premier Scott Moe's statement to look at opening the economy. Note sure what that looks like right now.

5. Questions regarding going into labs to get data. Under normal circumstances, there could be 4 – 6 in a lab at any one time.

It was recommended that you contact the Dean or faculty if you are entering a lab to pick something up. For research activity, phase 1 details will outline the requirement.

6. Questions regarding time sensitive fieldwork.

The committee is working on this. You must include details describe why the work is time sensitive in the Risk Assessment Form.

7. Discussion regarding the challenges to undergraduate research programs.

It is recommended that you speak with Nick Jones. The priority is to keep students safe.

8. Question regarding the new signing in process that started this week and could we use that to help with Lab sign in.

This is for a different purpose. It was mentioned later how important it is to have the people in the specific labs aware of other attendance in the labs and as such the central sign in doesn't help in that regard.

9. Question regarding CFI and CRC matching funds.

The federal government has some funding available right now. Tri-agencies have been hit. Not a lot of CRC right now and very little CFI.

10. Discussion on the federal government looking at saving the economy and infrastructure right now. The University received requests to look at small projects. We anticipate others will come. There will likely be federal money for health care research and some expected in infrastructure.

11. A question was asked about using data collected by the Doctor's in their own private offices.

Describe the data collection in the risk assessment form.

12. What about provincial matching funds? Discussion on protective equipment being available if needed.

Provincial matching funds for approved or just-approved projects will not be impacted.

Masks are to be used when social distancing cannot be done. Some equipment may be difficult to obtain; N95 equipment is for health care workers. Some stock may be available depending on what is needed. Send a note to Kathy with your requirements.

13. Emergency protocol regarding whether the University will provide masks etc. once we return.

We are working on emergency protocol regarding equipment, masks, etc.

Kathy thanks everyone for their commitment to students. She also thanks those who have stepped forward on these committees and for all their work.