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Dear Colleagues,

Over the coming weeks and months there is a potential for the COVID-19 pandemic to hinder research on the UCSC campus. Ultimately, the impact to campus will be variable and dependent on a number of factors in our local area, but the impacts on research may be more far-reaching. Areas of concern may include disruption to the supply chain with limited campus delivery, slowed production of reagents and consumables internationally, and additional restrictions on travel. With these issues in mind and in consultation with UCSC faculty and staff as well as colleagues systemwide, we have prepared a website with a series of considerations and recommendations for preparedness of research laboratories, studios and performance spaces: <https://officeofresearch.ucsc.edu/news-events/news/covid-19.html>

As this is a fluid situation, the website will be continually updated as new information becomes available. This resource is meant to augment broader UCSC plans around campus activities. While this information attempts to address a variety of circumstances, all faculty and researchers should discuss contingency plans with students and staff under their supervision to ensure research continuity. If and when there are disruptions to operations, the university may have limited ability to assist with research continuity issues.

Per a directive from the UC Office of the President, in no event should researchers take materials other than laptops, data storage devices, etc., offsite (e.g., to their homes) to ensure research continuity during a curtailment. If UCSC ultimately curtails all operations, PIs should be prepared to provide the local emergency operations center with a justification for continuing any on-campus research that they propose to undertake during a curtailment.

Any questions or concerns about these and related matters may be directed to [researchcontinuity@ucsc.edu](mailto:researchcontinuity@ucsc.edu). We will respond as best we can and begin to maintain an FAQ on the website.

Best,  
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