Dear colleagues,

Please see below further updates for the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine research community on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Phased Resumption of In-Person Research Activities

The Office of Research is continuing to review new resumption requests as well as revisions to previously approved requests. Final formal approval is issued by the BU Office of Research. Please review the Research Recovery Toolkit for details on this process.

Unannounced Walk-Throughs to Begin in Research Labs

Environmental Health & Safety personnel will begin conducting unannounced lab walk-throughs to ensure all researchers are adhering to the coronavirus precautions outlined by the University and by lab-specific plans, submitted by PIs, for safely resuming in-person research. PIs will also soon be asked to review their lab’s specific ramp-up plan to assess whether revisions are needed and to make sure that each member of their team is complying with the plan. Further information is available here.

Request for Authorization of “Other” Visitors

As previously communicated, all visitors permitted on campus will be required to follow health and safety protocols adopted by the University and as required by federal, state, or local regulations. Hosts of visitors in the visitor policy’s “other” category are required to complete the attached visitor request form for approval prior to visitors arriving on campus.

Dealing with COVID-19 in Theory and Practice

The extraordinary impact of COVID-19 requires equally extraordinary measures, which are the focus of this workshop on October 29-30. Four major themes will be represented: Public Health Challenges, The Role of
Data Science, Measuring and Managing Economic Impact, and the Path Forward. One unique aspect of this workshop is the breadth of participants, bringing together stakeholders from the most relevant communities, including biomedical experts, epidemiologists, public health officials, economists, business professionals, and bioethicists. One of the key objectives of this workshop is to encourage collaboration across disciplines that have practical impact in the near term. The schedule and registration information are available here.

**Funding Opportunities**

The [BU Research Support website](http://www.bu.edu/dental-research) includes links to COVID-19 research announcements, and this page is updated on a regular basis.

I encourage you to contact the GSDM Research office if you have questions or if there is any support that you need.

Best regards,

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