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 On-Campus Research**

We have received updated guidance on the resumption of in-person human subjects research:

- Any project that requires interactions with subjects in BMC space must submit a Returning Research Staff to BMC or BU Medical Campus form.
- Any projects that require interactions with subjects in BU space or off-campus must submit the Boston University Resumption of In-Person Research – Human Subjects form.

We will share any information about the timeline for resuming human subjects research as soon as we receive it.

Per the attached memo from Dr. Gloria Waters, all PIs approved for on-campus research are requested to submit an up-to-date contact list for their research group. Instructions on how to do so are included in the memo. All changes need to be formally approved before any additional personnel return to campus.

Please note that GSDM personnel are not required to complete the symptom tracker survey mentioned in the memo. Instead, GSDM personnel must undergo daily screening at 635 Albany Street as detailed here.

**Updated Guidance Regarding Idle Time Charged to Sponsored Awards**

The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has indicated that the “idle time” flexibilities that were set to expire in June 2020 will be extended to September 30, 2020, as long as the funding agency issuing the award concurs. The Office of Sponsored Programs has developed a summary of the COVID-related guidance issued by many different sponsors. Moving forward, faculty who utilize the
flexibilities provided by the OMB memo and their funding agency must document any additional funding sources available to them and provide a reason why these sources are not being used to offset costs.

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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