

UCSF Laboratory Researcher Survey - March 15, 2020

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IMPORTANT: Directive to UCSF Researchers to Cease Research Activities To UCSF Laboratory Research Faculty: It is imperative that we take action to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our population, to ‘flatten the curve’ and thereby prevent the many unnecessary deaths that will result if our healthcare system is overwhelmed. To this end, the Chancellor has directed us to greatly reduce the density of people working in UCSF research laboratories. All principal investigators must communicate immediately with trainees and other lab members to institute the shutdown of all noncritical research activities before midnight on Wednesday, March 18. We understand that the long-term viability of many research programs during this period will require management of essential animal lines, equipment, liquid nitrogen stocks, and certain long-term experiments. To meet these needs, we request that each laboratory (or neighboring group of laboratories) identify 1-2 key personnel who will be responsible for this essential ongoing maintenance. Laboratories with large numbers of animals are allowed to name as many as 3-4 key personnel. When selecting key personnel, consider those whose commute does not depend on public transportation. When determining the appropriate size of your lab’s “skeleton crew,” please also consider any equipment that might require gas or cryogen monitoring/service, such as deep-storage freezers, electron microscopes, mass spectrometers, and incubators. Keep in mind that any potentially hazardous operation will require at least two trained and qualified persons be present. By the afternoon of March 16, a “Lab Ramp-Down Checklist” will be available at www.ehs.ucsf.edu. In mouse facilities, breeding should be reduced to the minimum possible; no increases in cage counts will be permitted and all researchers should plan for additional reductions of cage counts in the future. Labs using aquatic or avian species are expected to maintain basic animal care and husbandry operations, and labs with USDA-covered animals that require specialized lab care or intensive husbandry operations are expected to continue providing this care. For all key personnel, it has been mandated that everyone practice good hygiene and social distancing, in part by coordinating with others to minimize time on campus and to avoid being in the lab or animal facilities at the same time as others. Exceptions to these requirements will be made for

studies of COVID-19 that have the potential to mitigate the spread of the pandemic. To continue their research at home, laboratory members should be encouraged to work on writing projects, literature review, data analysis, or online learning (coding, statistics, etc.). Be sure that lab members are well equipped to work remotely (VPN, Duo, etc.). Importantly, all PIs are required complete this survey. You will be asked to provide the names and contact information of your designated key personnel, as well as requests for exceptions to allow COVID-19 studies or the continuation of ongoing critical experiments. These requests will be screened by the committee listed at the end of the email message that included this survey link, and we expect to grant few exceptions. Please direct questions about this policy to the following address: research@ucsf.edu We completely understand that these restrictions go against virtually everything we represent as scientists – and it is heartbreaking to tell a scientist to stop doing experiments. But we hope you appreciate the full magnitude of this crisis, and you understand these short-term setbacks will lead to a better outcome than might otherwise occur.

- Yes, I have read and understand the policy and how it applies to my research. (1)
 - No, I do not understand the policy and how it applies to my research. (2)
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Q4

Please enter the following information:

- Full name (1) _____
 - Email address (2) _____
 - Phone number(s) where you can be reached (3)

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Q3 Please select the **primary** UCSF Department to which you belong.
Select Department (119)

▼ Anatomy (1) ... Department of Preventive and Restorative Dental Sciences (56)



Q15 Number of full-time laboratory members.

Q5 Please enter the names, phone numbers, general location (e.g., Oakland, SF, Marin) and email information 1-2 key lab personnel designated to go to the lab for essential functions. If animal maintenance is part of your work, then please add 1-2 additional designees. If your research involves non-human primates, you may, in consultation with LARC, designate up to 5 total personnel. **Note that access must be scheduled such that only 1 designee enters a UCSF animal research area at any time, unless your research involves USDA non-rodent species. If your work involves USDA non-rodent species (e.g., non-human primates, sheep, pigs or rabbits), you may schedule up to 4 personnel at a time.**

First designee (can be self) : name, phone number, email address (1)

Second designee: name, phone number, email address (2)

Third designee: name, phone number, email address (3)

Fourth designee: name, phone number, email address (4)

Fifth designee (**for research involving non-human primates ONLY**): name, phone number, email address (5) _____

Q11 Are any of the laboratory and/or animal maintenance personnel you've listed above willing to volunteer in animal husbandry if needed?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Q15 Do you conduct research at Hunters Point or CHORI?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Q16 If you conduct research at Hunter's Point or CHORI, and need special accommodations, please propose a plan below:

Q13 Are you performing experiments that cannot be stopped immediately without great loss of important materials or data?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Q14 If you are performing experiments that cannot be stopped immediately without great loss of important materials or data, please briefly explain below.

Q12 Are you studying COVID-19 and/or the treatment of patients with COVID-19?

Yes (1)

No (2)

Q14 Please provide more information regarding your COVID-19-related research.

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