COVID-19 Research Bulletin
March 16, 2021

Updated Research Safety Guidance

The Division of Research and Innovation has updated its safety guidance for research and related activities during COVID-19, including re-opening in-person research for all approved lower division students. The latest and most up-to-date guidance is posted to the coronavirus updates page. This criteria applies to in-person research, scholarship, community service and creative activities at all SDSU, SDSURF, and field research sites.

[Review current safety guidance]

Assigned Time

Given the continuing impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on many SDSU faculty to progress their research, scholarship, and creative activities (RSCA), the Division of Research and Innovation is pleased to announce a call for applications for Assigned Time for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities.

[Learn More & Apply]

Research Town Hall Recording

The Division of Research and Innovation held a town hall on Friday, March 12 to discuss COVID-19 updates and research related issues and opportunities.
View the Recording

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Vaccine Eligibility

All SDSU and SDSU Research Foundation faculty and staff, and all current student employees, are now eligible to be vaccinated in San Diego County. For the protection of others, the standard safety criteria are also required for fully vaccinated individuals. This includes physical distancing and wearing a face-mask at all times while on campus.

[SDSU COVID-19 testing and vaccine programs](#)

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Research Repopulation Requests

There is now an easy one-stop process for research repopulation requests related to changes in personnel.

The new OnBase form streamlines the application process by auto-filling key information about personnel; simplifies the review process by auto-routing to reviewers; sends automated responses to applicants about the approval process; and shares information with the COVID-19 testing database to ensure that all students are enrolled in the required testing every 14 days.

[How to access and use OnBase forms](#)

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Ensure Testing Compliance

All student researchers must be tested for COVID-19 every other week. Research leaders must check WebPortal to ensure students have received university clearance prior to each work shift. You must be logged into your SDSU account to view the instructions. Student who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 must still receive biweekly testing and comply with safety guidelines.
Instructions on how to check student testing status.

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Report COVID-19 Cases

If you or someone involved in your project has tested positive for COVID-19, you must ensure the university is informed.

Ask the individual to fill out SDSU's reporting form. To ensure reporting is completed and Student Health Services is aware, the research leader must also submit this form. If the individual is an SDSU Research Foundation employee, they should also complete the COVID-19 Reporting Form for SDSURF Employees. The affected employee must also immediately stop participating in research.

[SDSU Reporting Form](#)

[SDSU Research Foundation Reporting Form](#)

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County Corner

Latest data on San Diego County COVID-19 cases (updated daily at 5 p.m.)

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COVID-19 Funding Opportunities

[Quality of Life Grants Program - COVID 19](#)
Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
Deadline - 03/16/21

[COVID-19 Science Fund](#)
National Geographic
Deadline - 03/31/21 (statements of interest)
Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for NIH Grants to Add or Expand Research Focused on Maternal Health, Structural Racism and Discrimination, and COVID-19
National Institutes of Health
Deadline - 4/21/2021

Advancing Health Literacy to Enhance Equitable Community Responses to COVID-19
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
Deadline - 4/20/2021

Aging-Relevant Behavioral and Social Research on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
National Institute on Aging
Deadline - 05/08/23

NIDCR Support for Research on the Physiological Involvement of Oral Cavity in Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
Deadline - 05/08/23

Building Capacity for PCOR/CER for Topics Related to COVID-19 (Up to $200,000)
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
Deadline - 5/24/2021

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) on Pan-Coronavirus Vaccine Development Program Projects
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
Deadline - 6/11/21

Administrative Supplements for COVID-19 Impacted NIMH-funded Research
National Institute on Mental Health
Deadline - rolling through 6/1/23

Effects of Smoking and Vaping on the Risk and Outcome of COVID-19 Infection
National Institutes of Health
Deadline - 09/08/24

COVID-19 Research
Working on a project related to COVID-19? Please let the Division of Research and Innovation know by emailing communications director Kellie Woodhouse at kmwoodhouse@sdsu.edu.