SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
Division of Research and Innovation

Dear Principal Investigators,

The Division of Research and Innovation and the SDSU Research Foundation are launching a weekly bulletin to ensure researchers are aware of protocols, processes and helpful information to facilitate safe and responsible research during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please share relevant information with your research teams. SDSU relies on your compliance in order to continue conducting critical in-person research during this difficult time.

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Interim Vice President for Research and Innovation

COVID-19 Research Bulletin
December 16, 2020

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 must also inform their HR business partner and email sdsurfriskmanagement@sdsu.edu.The infected person must immediately stop participating in research.

SDSU Reporting Form

Research during Winter Break

Thanks to the researchers who completed the Winter Session Lab Access Survey. Only researchers who have reported via this survey that they will be conducting in-person research, scholarship or community service over winter break, are authorized to do so during this period. Questions may be sent to dri-cov2@sdsu.edu.

Research Safety Requirements

It is critical that we remain diligent in maintaining the safety of our research personnel, labs and projects. Please read the latest research safety communication and print and post SDSU's research safety guidelines in labs and shared spaces.

Research Related COVID-19 Updates

Please bookmark this Division of Research and Innovation COVID-19 updates and information webpage - research.sdsu.edu/coronavirus - and refer back to it whenever you need information or have issues. If you have questions not addressed there, please email DRI-CoV2@sdsu.edu. This will put you directly in touch with our research repopulation team, which can address your question promptly.

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.

County Corner

Vaccines Arrive!
The first deliveries of 28,000 San Diego vaccines are being made to the County, UCSD Health and Rady Children's Hospital. Each organization will determine how to prioritize and administer the vaccines to its employees.

Residents and employees of skilled nursing facilities have a high priority to receive the vaccine, but distribution to these recipients is being handled separately by the state. Those doses will go to local CVS and Walgreens pharmacies which will administer the vaccine to skilled nursing facility residents and staff.

San Diego County COVID-19 Stats – 12-15-2020

- 1,863 new cases were reported to the County on Dec 14. The region's total is now 111,441.
- 5,212 or 4.7% of all cases have required hospitalization.
- 1,118 or 1.0% of all cases and 21.5% of hospitalized cases had to be admitted to an intensive care unit.
- The current ICU capacity for the Southern California region is now 1.7% and will be updated by the state daily.
- The 14-day rolling average percentage of positive cases is 8.1%. Target is less than 8.0%.
- Thirty-two new COVID-19 deaths were reported to the County on Dec. 14. The region's total is now 1,194.

San Diego County COVID-19 Update – 12-15-2020

Research Repopulation and COVID-19 Updates

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