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Dear Colleagues,

As the COVID-19 pandemic persists and surges in cases and hospitalizations put California in an increasingly difficult situation – over 100,000 news cases were recorded in the state last week alone and **projections show** our ICUs may be full by mid-month – we must remain diligent in maintaining the safety of our research personnel, labs and projects.

Even with the current restrictions in place, SDSU has more than 300 research related and community projects underway. I am proud that we have been able to keep so much of our research enterprise running during this uncertain time and appreciate the extraordinary efforts of our faculty, especially since much of this important work directly confronts COVID-19 and other critical issues.

However, we cannot conduct our research at the expense of our own health and the health of our community. All in-person research, community service and scholarly activities require approval. This includes projects that take place on campus, in SDSU Research Foundation facilities, in community settings or in the field. All researchers are required to follow safety protocols, and principal investigators/faculty research leaders are responsible for ensuring their teams comply with their approved research repopulation plans.

We owe this to our co-workers, our community and ourselves. **COVID-19 has forced us to temporarily halt some projects, and failure to comply with required safety procedures has already resulted in**

**one project being temporarily shut down. At all times, know that following your approved health and safety protocols is what ensures we have the ability to continue critical research across the university.**

It is imperative to report any cases of COVID-19 in your research team using the university's [reporting forms](#). We encourage faculty and staff engaged in research, community service, or scholarly activities on campus, in the community, or in the field to test for COVID-19 biweekly, and students are still required to test biweekly.

Finally, we know that everyone appreciates their colleagues and research teams and would like to mark the holiday season with them, but given the current public health situation all celebrations should take place virtually.

[Review the most updated research repopulation information and safety guidance here.](#)

Sincerely,

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[COVID-19 Research Information Website](#)

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