



Engineering Laboratory Protocol For Phase 3 Research Operations

The Samueli School of Engineering has set the following safety practices and policies that must be instituted for all persons entering research spaces during Phase 3. UCI still strongly encourages researchers to work remotely when possible. Please reference this website for up-to-date information pertaining to Samueli School of Engineering Phase 3 requirements:

<https://engineering.uci.edu/research/engineering-phase-3-research-restart>

General Guidelines:

1. Anyone experiencing cold/flu symptoms or coming in contact with a sick person must not come to lab, must inform their PI, and must self-quarantine at home for at least 14 days.
2. Researchers must be at least 6 feet apart and wear a face covering at all times in any indoor space except in a private office with the door closed. Physical distancing and face covering protocols are determined by the Chancellor's Executive Directives:
<https://uci.edu/coronavirus/executive-directives/index.php>
3. Only one person at a time may occupy any enclosed space less than 150 sq ft. Occupancy of larger spaces will be determined by the approved PI/Center Director following safe distancing practices for that space where persons at all times can maintain at least a 6 foot distance. General recommendation is 1 person per 120 sq ft. Scheduling is still required for high-use areas.
4. Research training within 6 ft of persons may occur on a limited basis between 2 people only. "Engineering Training Protocol For Research Operations" must be followed.
5. Each laboratory must have protocols for lab cleaning. Lab cleanings must occur before and after usage of a space.
6. One-on-one or small group discussions can occur if persons maintain a 6 ft distance at all times. All group research meetings must continue to be done virtually.
7. Engineering research visitors (non-UCI employees) are allowed under the direction of an approved PI/Center Director. Please follow the Engineering requirements.
8. Personal safety also needs to be considered at this time, especially when working in the lab alone. Hazardous procedures should not be carried out when working alone. A Working Alone Reference Guide is available from EH&S.

Research Lab/Office Protocols:

1. Researchers will wash their hands with soap/sanitizer upon entering and before leaving the lab or office.
2. All surfaces that are safe to do so must be wiped down by the researcher with an approved disinfectant (e.g., 70% ethanol/IPA, sodium hypochlorite) before and after use.
3. To avoid accidental contact, distancing must be adhered to for occupation of a bench, hood, or bay. Spacing must be marked with vinyl tape for high-use areas.
4. Contact with other labs should be made via phone or electronic means. Transfer of items should be arranged by leaving them in the hallway rather than handing them over in person. Use of other labs' equipment and shared facility should be pre-arranged with the PIs.

Report Infractions Anonymously Here: <https://forms.gle/dRoH8Rs3TvaUMmrQA>

Or email infractions or questions to Dr. Lori Greene, Assistant Dean for Engineering Research Management, legreene@uci.edu

UCI COVID Dashboard: <https://uci.edu/coronavirus/dashboard/index.php>