Office of the Vice Provost and Dean of Research

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Dear Chairs and Directors,

Shorter by request. Please feel free to share this information with your faculty and staff.

1. County order and continuing remote work
Santa Clara County issued a new order on July 2, which went into effect today (July 13). The order continues to specify that “all personnel carry out their job functions remotely if they are able to do so.” Accordingly, Stanford personnel working in research areas that have not yet been allowed to return to campus in Stage 2 should plan to continue to work remotely. We are working closely with the county on our reopening plan, and will keep you informed as circumstances evolve. Also, please see the recent campus-wide communication about the Stanford response to the order and new resources at Cardinal Recovery.

2. PI FAQ for procedures addressing potential COVID-19 cases in labs
EH&S has prepared a FAQ for PIs on the procedures to address potential COVID-19 cases in labs. This covers issues of notification, lab cleaning, and more. Please share the link for the FAQ to your faculty: https://cardinalrecovery.stanford.edu/research/pi-frequently-asked-questions/

3. Expansion of non-clinical in-person human subjects research
The non-clinical human subjects research allowed on campus will be expanded to include approved studies in which subjects are exclusively Stanford affiliates who are already authorized to work on the same campus location as the research facility where the study takes place. More information is available in the Research Recovery Handbook.

4. Your feedback: Need for office use
We would like your input on the need for office access for research and teaching, and who we might expect to come back to campus if the offices were opened. We’ve created a Google Form with a few simple questions. We appreciate your input, which will help inform our ongoing discussions with the county about our reopening plans.

Stay safe and be well,
Kam, Stacey, Tim, and Russell

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