Office of the Vice Provost and Dean of Research

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Dear Chairs and Directors,

Below are our updates for the week of July 20th:

COVID-19 testing for researchers
In addition to the testing available to researchers who are symptomatic or known to have been exposed, Stanford HealthCare is providing COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic researchers who are currently working on campus. This will be one-time, nasal-swab testing, available by appointment on Wednesday and Thursday each week between July 22 and August 6 at the Galvez lot testing site. It is available only to those working on campus, not all employees. On-site researchers can schedule an appointment using the form at this link.

Restrictions on visitors and other non-matriculated students
Restrictions on new appointments of visiting student researchers, visiting postdoctoral scholars, visiting scholars, and other nonmatriculated students have been extended at least until January 2021. A request for an exception for high-priority and urgent programmatic needs can be made to your School Dean.

Survey Results: Need for office access
Thank you for your responses to our office access questionnaire. It has helped us gain better insight into the need for office access within your departments. The top reasons for needing office access include: retrieving books and research materials from the office; preparing for and delivering course lectures for the fall; and accessing confidential information, special software or equipment, and big datasets in dedicated computers. While no decisions about office access have been made yet, your input will help us develop the policy and inform our ongoing discussions with the county about reopening plans.

Communications
We’ve heard the feedback that research recovery information is unevenly shared across departments with faculty and with on-site researchers. While we continue to work with the university to refine our approach to communications, we intend for this weekly communication, which sometimes includes advance information about policies that have not yet been finalized, to remain targeted to chairs and directors. However, we encourage you to continue to share this information with other members of your department, as applicable.

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

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