



## **Code Yellow Restrictions**

- All buildings on badge access only.
- Operational plan for roles, responsibilities and interactions as outlined below is in place when transition between Code Orange and Yellow Activities.
- Essential research constraints removed.
- Personnel entering the buildings shall wear appropriate PPE. Universal masking such as disposable or cloth masks is required in common areas, such as hallways, bathrooms, break areas and labs with multiple individuals that cannot maintain 6 ft separation. Universal masking is not intended for individual offices, but should be used when meeting with others within a confined space.
- Masks and other PPE must be considered in relation to the task. Machine shops should consider whether wearing of masks or alternative PPE appropriate to the situation and separation present during the conduct of the task would result in the lowest risk to the operator.
- Research-related personnel with any symptoms will not access buildings to conduct research.
  - Research personnel must self-assess before coming to campus for, at a minimum, temperature (<100.4°F), and absence of key CDC recognized symptoms (fever, dry cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell). Personnel must feel well before coming to campus. Those with symptoms should contact UAH Health Clinic.
  - Website for CDC Recognized Symptoms: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- Human subject research that involves participant contact (or < 6 feet social distancing) may be re-started or initiated, with careful consideration for safety consistent with publicized PH guidelines. Protocols and considerations must be documented in terms of the following:
  - Screening should be an ongoing process with each subsequent physical encounter (whereby social distancing cannot be maintained), and should include consideration of travel to a COVID-19 hot-spot, known or potential contact with infected individuals, CDC recognized symptoms (fever, dry cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell), and temperature. Those participants who screen positive in any way but are asymptomatic should be referred for diagnostic RNA testing. If the potential participant tests positive, he or she must quarantine for at least 14 days, followed by repeat diagnostic testing and be CDC recognized symptom free



for 8 days confirming disease resolution prior to participating in non-essential human subject research. For participants who test negative after screening positive, they must be symptom and temperature free for 8 days following a negative test result.

- Although PPE in addition to cloth masks such as face screens would be ideal even when potential participants screen negative for COVID for non-essential human subject research, it is not required. Face masks and stringent hand washing are required for both participants and research personnel, and gloves are highly encouraged.
- The UAH IRB does not need to approve the incorporation of mandatory employee health screenings, unless you or the sponsor wishes to incorporate the data collected as part of a new research objective of the clinical study. If so, the protocol will need to be amended and approved by the IRB.
- Non-experimental wet-lab work, including data analysis and writing, laboratory means and administrative support tasks, should be completed remotely initially and could be phased out when possible.
- Personnel and trainees, including researchers at post-doctoral and graduate/pre-doctoral levels, are allowed to continue studies on site and/or perform experiments. Departments, units, schools/college, and Supervisors/PIs can define and communicate additional guidelines and requirements, if desired. Researchers whose work involves off-campus sites (such as industrial, educational or health/medical settings) must comply with public health guidelines as recommended by the federal, state and local authorities as well as the requirements of the off-campus site.
  - Other trainees engaged in research, such as undergraduates and volunteers, can only conduct on-campus research with a specific approval of their program director & the responsible mentor.
- No children allowed in administrative or research areas under any circumstance except children who are research participants.