



Purpose:

In accordance with the approved goal and guiding principles for “Resumption of Research Operations at the University of Alabama System,” this document provides the guidelines to conduct research at The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) during the COVID-19 pandemic. The UA System goal and guiding principles are:

Overarching Goal: Protect the health and safety of the University of Alabama system research workforce and study participants, while increasing research activity using an incremental approach.

Guiding Principles: Research conducted at the institutions of the University of Alabama system is diverse, and the resumption of activities cannot follow a “one-size-fits-all” approach. Each institution must develop and follow the approach that fits the unique characteristics of its campus. That said, there are guiding principles that are common across all three universities, and we therefore pledge to:

Principle 1: Follow the local, state and national public health authority (PHA) directives for shelter-at-home, physical/social distancing, and use of protective gear.

Principle 2: Protect the health & safety of the research workforce, study participants, and vulnerable populations, considering emotional as well as physical health.

Principle 3: Ensure as rapid a resumption of research activities as possible as public health conditions permit.

Principle 4: Maintain a fair and transparent approach.