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Return to Near-Normal Operations for URI Research Facilities

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This message is sent on behalf of the Office of the VP of Research & Economic Development, COVID-19 Task Force, and International Travel Review Committee.

Return to near-normal operations for all URI research facilities and studios

Dear URI Campus Community,

Early last spring the Office of the Vice President for Research & Economic Development released a five-phased plan for guiding a re-starting of university research activity over this period of recovery from a global pandemic.

We are pleased to announce that, as of 12 July, the campus will be at Phase 5, which means a full return to normal practices, which we enjoyed prior to the

COVID-19 crisis.

That said, all faculty, staff and students - as well as external visitors - are expected to understand and adhere to public health guidance from the Rhode Island Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at all times (including any personal distancing or mask use requirements that may fluctuate in response to changing public health concerns). Additionally, this return to normal function may be modified by the university at any time, in response to unforeseen events.

With respect to work (research) related travel by faculty and students: No permissions are required at this time for any domestic travel. Permissions for all research-related international travel, with necessary safety plans, will continue to be reviewed and granted by the VPRED while international travel restrictions remain in force. Please note that students are still required to file a petition with the International Travel Review Committee (ITRC).

With respect to Laboratory/Field and Human Subjects Research: COVID-19 Safety Plans are no longer required.

Thank you,

Peter J. Snyder, PhD
Vice President for Research & Economic Development,

URI Campus COVID-19 Task Force, and the

International Travel Review Committee

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