

Subject: Update: College of Public Health Return to Campus-June 15
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From: CPH Faculty & Staff on behalf of Marsha Davis
To: CPH-FACSTAFF@LISTSERV.UGA.EDU

Dear Faculty and Staff,

This email is the first of regular emails designed to deliver information and reminders as UGA and the College of Public Health prepares to return to campus. Plans and policies are subject to change, so it is important to read all the emails (from UGA and CPH) to stay informed with up-to-date, accurate information. I will plan to communicate at least weekly; most likely more frequently. The titles of the emails will be **Update: College of Public Health Return to Campus** and will be archived on our website along with other resources related to returning to campus and plans for the Fall.

We are entering into this phased process of returning to full operations in August by paving a path that has not been traveled before. It won't be easy. It will be messy. We will try, make some mistakes, and have to try something else. We will need to have courage, patience, understanding, and stamina. But, above all else, in everything the College does, we will commit to protecting and promoting the health of all.

To help guide us, I have assembled the following groups representing each important area of the College: Instruction; Research; Outreach, Engagement, and Equity; Workplace Health and Safety; and Communications. Examples of their work are listed, but certainly do not represent a comprehensive list of activities or responsibilities. Chairs will be reaching out soon to solicit participation on their working groups. I am hoping, where appropriate for the working group, we have representation from faculty, staff, and students. Together the working group chairs will form the **CPH COVID-19 Advisory Board** that will oversee all CPH covid-related activities, policies and their implementation, address concerns, and offer solutions.

Instruction Working Group: Chair, Erin Lipp working with Offices of IT and Academic Affairs

- a. Take inventory of all spaces available for Fall instruction in areas where we control the space
- b. Take inventory of technology needs
- c. Develop and conduct training for faculty related to alternative teaching modalities
- d. Identify critical programs, courses, laboratories that need to be prioritized for particular instructional modalities
- e. Evaluate internships, practica, study abroad
- f. Add components to new student orientation to reinforce UGA's and CPH's expectations

Research Working Group: Chair, Tim Heckman working with Office of Research

- a. Ensure each faculty member/principal investigator develops a research resumption plan
- b. Monitor adherence to the research resumption plan
- c. Monitor research expenditures and salary release funds from external funded sources

Outreach, Engagement, and Equity Working Group: Chair, Grace Bagwell Adams

- a. Monitor community events that are held at the Health Sciences Campus and ensure event planners are aware of and follow UGA's and CPH's guidelines

- b. Ensure students and faculty who are doing outreach and service work are aware of and adhere to UGA's, CPH's, and the community guidelines in settings where they will be located
- c. Ensure policies are implemented equitably

Workplace Health and Safety Working Group: Chair, Marsha Davis

Subcommittees include

Preventative, Mitigation, and Monitoring Practices in Workplace Co-Chairs, José Cordero and Mark Ebell

Cleaning and Sanitation in Workplace Chair, Linda Moak

Human Resources and Training Chair, Tina Supakordej

Communications Working Group: Co-Chairs, Jessica Muilenburg (internal) and Grace Bagwell Adams (external) working with Offices of Communications and Development

- a. Amplify and develop specific CPH messages to CPH faculty, students, staff, alumni, prospective students, advisory boards and committees, state and local leaders, public health higher education community, and the public about the activities of these groups using the appropriate channels

I hope if you are asked to serve on a working group, you will do so. If you have any feedback or concerns you'd like to voice, please share with the appropriate working group chair.

We need everyone to work together to protect ourselves, protect others, and protect our Athens and UGA community. We, as a College of Public Health, will lead by example.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

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