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Dear UMB Community:

On April 5, 2021, the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) will transition to the next phase for on-campus research, other than human subjects research. Researchers will be allowed to **increase occupancy of research spaces up to 75 percent occupancy**, provided they continue to observe UMB policies including the following:

1. Wear a properly fitting face covering over your nose and mouth around others at all times
2. Wash your hands often and clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces
3. Practice physical distancing per campus guidance (current guidance is 6 feet)
4. Stay home if you are sick

These policies apply to all researchers regardless of vaccination status.

Human subjects research will continue to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis through the UMB Institutional Review Board process.

Research has been operating in Phase 2 since August 2020. In the past seven months, researchers have adhered to UMB safety guidelines and demonstrated the ability to maintain safe practices in research settings to prevent community transmission of COVID-19.

However, the pandemic is not over. We will continue to carefully monitor the situation and may need to impose additional changes if there is evidence of community transmission in UMB research spaces. The health and safety of the entire campus community continues to be the priority as we resume critical research activities. As a reminder, all faculty, staff, and students on campus must adhere to [testing requirements](#) and symptom screening ([SAFE on Campus](#)). Restrictions on elevator usage and social gatherings still apply.

Thank you for all of your hard work to keep our research enterprise going throughout this difficult year. We appreciate everything that you do to make UMB a powerhouse of research and an economic engine for the state of Maryland.

Sincerely,

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