

- VPR began working with the Council of Research Associate Deans (CRAD) to consider what “recovery” looks like now that they most have implemented their plans for expanded reduced operations.

Research Animal Care – threat level “yellow”

- VPR memo: [Colleges Asked to Designate Essential Personnel to Maintain Research Animals](#) (March 23, 2020)
- VPR memo: [Why We Are Asking Researchers to ID 20% Priority-Save Cages](#) (March 21, 2020)
- RAR has received most of the 2 months reserve supply of feed and bedding for all animals.
- RAR can no longer receive PPE but have alternatives identified (moved to reusable lab coats, ordered reusable dish gloves, some employees sewing masks, considering any type of goggles for eye protection, even swim goggles).
- RAR essential staffing is moving to an "A" and "B" team with approximately half employees in each which will rotate weekly. Staffing remains strong and we are able to care for all of our current animal census.
- RAR has asked researchers to identify their 20% of "priority save" rat and mouse cages in case staff are unable to come on campus. There is no mandated euthanasia at this point.

Clinical Human Research Participants

- [Human Research: Latest IRB Guidance and FAQ \(COVID-19\)](#) (March 20, 2020)
- IRB coordinating with FV and Medical School to confirm their permissions to continue enrollment (Tier 2) or in-person research visits (Tier 3)
- Continue to prioritize COVID-19 Tier 1 trials (4 IRB approved (one by U of M, 3 by external)); 1 new received; 2 expected soon)

Research and Laboratory Safety

- Institutional Biosafety Committee is performing expedited review of research and other activities involving SARS-CoV-2.
- UMN labs **must** post their Notice of Hibernation on their doors (see hibernation template on research guidance website)
- Drafting communication w/UHS reminding departments about posting requirement

Sponsored Projects Administration (SPA) and Administrative Issues

- SPA issued [UMN Guidance: Charging Salaries and Managing Project Perf. on Sponsored Projects During COVID-19](#) (March 23, 2020)
- Issues [Federal Agency Covid-19 Salary Charging Rules in the Event of Inability to Work Remotely](#) (March 24, 2020, 11:00 a.m.)
- OVPR funding made available and applications are now being accepted for [OVPR COVID-19 Rapid Response Grants](#).

Housing & Residential Life/M Dining

Housing & Residential Life:

- Informal Resident Move Out continues
- Housing & Dining credit for those no longer residing on campus was announced. Follow up rationale was provided.
- Email sent to residents asking them to confirm: 1. I have already moved out, 2. I will stay in on campus housing, 3. I have items in my room and cannot return