

Thoughts about reopening research

Last week I asked Larry Yaffe for updates on UW directives concerning reopening and he shared these questions from Vice President for Research Mary Lindstrom:

Under what conditions would you feel comfortable having 50% of your onsite researchers back at work?

- social distancing guidelines?
- PPE requirements?
- testing requirements?
- symptom checking?
- employee tracking?
- other?

Under what conditions would you feel comfortable requiring personnel to come to work on-site?

- support staff?
- graduate students?
- postdocs?

We will have a PAB safety team tomorrow to discuss PAB guidelines and advise the chairs with recommendations. Clearly those have to be aligned with the state and UW directives.

In today's meeting I want to learn from the PAB community, about your requests and protocols, so that we can coordinate and communicate this information. This includes in particular:

- Shared protections supplies (PPEs: latex? gloves, which masks, cleaning supplies). Requests to the department.
- Individual labs safety, presence and cleaning procedures
- Machine shop protocols. When to open the student shop and how to coordinate presence. How to communicate with the main shop techs?
- Shared space protocols
- Distributions of information (signs, calendars, back-to-work request spreadsheet)
- What's about testing, symptom checking, tracking?
- Other things you consider essential