

Some notes from institutions that are opening up:

Institution #1: Soft open: 1 person per lab for two weeks; after that 1 person per bay or room until further notice. Chairs & tables removed. 1 chair per table. Masks off for as little time as possible. Using the conference room as eating rooms/per square footage requirements. Trying to find places outside the labs for people to sit and stay socially distant. Scheduling at the bench work. They are not doing testing unless you show symptoms. They have to fill out a questionnaire each day. Elevators will only go to certain floors, only take the elevator up, stairs down. Max capacity room signage.

Institution #2: Never fully closed; Running at about 50% capacity until this month, and now much lower. Starting next week they will ramp up. Furloughed a bunch of staff and a 20% pay reduction for those who aren't furloughed through August--across the whole health system. They had dollar amounts that they had to meet. The furloughs are not full time so that people retain benefits. No guidance on rate setting yet. They are subsidized about 20% now.

Institution #3: Has not reopened. Maintaining research continuity. Guaranteed wage continuance through current fiscal year. They will be furloughing the people who aren't able to do their job under the current conditions on an R01. This may allow them to save the grant money for future uses. Looking for guidance from the NIH about what to do with salaries, etc.

Institution #4: Just approved to reopen. Time sensitive & critical projects only, plus projects that were underway. Asked to do projections for 5-15% budget cuts. Had to submit a plan with blueprints & who will occupy. Also taking temperatures, tracking movement in the building, had to submit thorough cleaning protocols for instruments between use. Will be testing people as they come back to campus. Staff will be given a time to show up for testing. Only allowed to book one instrument in a room at a time with time between to clean. Hallways and stairs can only be one direction; putting up signs to help guide. Masks in any shared space; not in office. Call the University Police if you see anyone not wearing a mask or not following directions. Had to talk to every member individually to see how comfortable they were with coming back.

Institution #5: Only working with COVID projects and to keep instruments active. Need face masks, told to get disposable ones, they won't be available until August. Discussing with health department on the best ways to handle this. How good is the air handling system?

Other institutions are in various conditions from leadership hasn't shared anything yet to starting to make decisions about how to go back to work, but waiting for information from politicians.

Some thoughts on how risky activities are:

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