



Research Ramp-up Phase 3

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RR3

As of October 14, 2020, MIT will transition to Phase 3 of Research Ramp-Up (RR3) for laboratory-based research. Major change in RR3 will be lifting of current cap on the aggregate number of hours laboratory personnel may work on campus. Importantly, however, all other guidelines related to COVID-19-era safety and other practices that were in place during RR2 will remain in place for RR3.

Non-lab research

Thunder Committee recommends continuation @ 50% capacity

Lab research

Recommend that any activities of lab-based research groups that can be successfully performed remotely, including one-on-one meetings and group meetings, should continue to be conducted remotely.

1. PIs update Planning Exercise A floor plans to assure that with additional people that guidelines for social distancing (at least 6 ft), lab density (125 sf/person) are met.
2. PIs whose 100% lab operation is limited by density and spacing limits should operate a scheduling system and maintain a record of weekly work schedules (via Planning Exercise B, Excel spreadsheet, Google Calendar, etc.).
3. Core Facilities must maintain weekly work schedules that document staff on-campus work. For Core Facilities in which researchers access the space (e.g. for equipment usage, animal use), the Core Facility must have a reservation system in place to track non-staff access.



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Lab research

5. PIs and Core Facilities should continue to use RR2 Exercise B spreadsheet to record their full list of laboratory personnel and to indicate which individuals require campus access and to what buildings. Disregard hours calculation relevant to RR1 and RR2.
6. DMC committees must submit weekly reports on compliance violations to the VPR's office and describe actions to assure compliance.
7. Individuals must use masks or face coverings at all times when on MIT campus, including inside and outside of buildings.
 - Only exceptions are when eating (which must be done individually and not as a group) or when alone in a private office with the door closed.
 - For PI-controlled spaces (including multi-person offices), there can only be one person at a time occupying the space to eat, and sign-up sheets can be used to schedule meals. For rules regarding eating in DLC-controlled common spaces, please refer to [Common Space Usage guidance](#).

When the above items are accomplished a Lab can start RR3.



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