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Ramping Research Plan Executive Summary

A phased approach to increasing in-person research activity at Marquette University has been proposed for laboratory-based activities, field work, and work involving human research participants. Note that Dean Janice Welburn is developing a separate library-specific plan in consultation with her leadership team.

The plan has four key guiding principles:

Principle #1: Recommendations and guidelines must adhere to local government and public health directives.

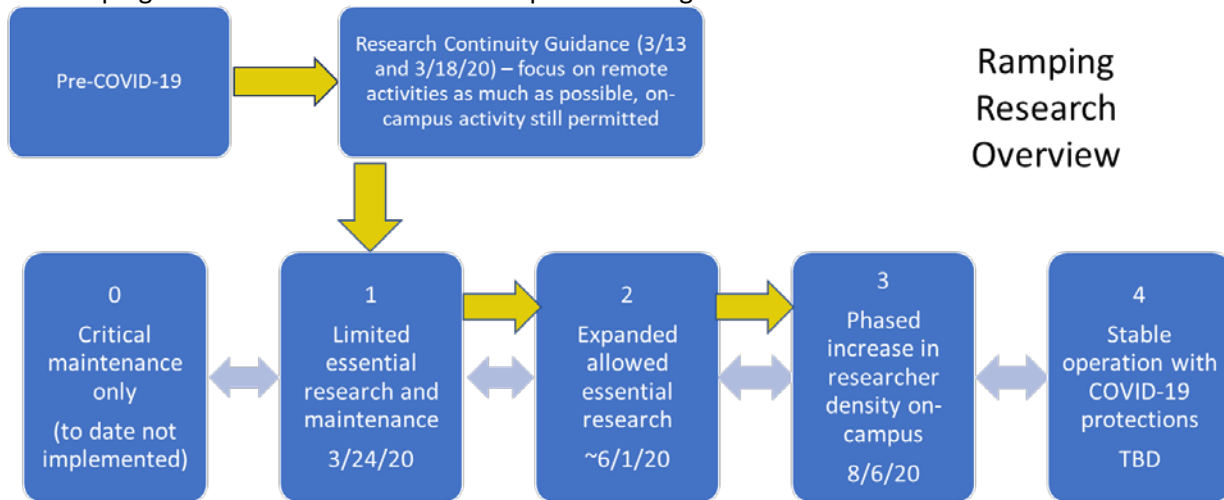
Principle #2: The research community includes faculty, staff, students, and human research participants who must all do their part to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. University COVID-19 Recovery Plan policies and procedures will be followed.

Principle #3: The plan is designed to be a phased ramp up of research activities and not all researchers will be able to be on campus simultaneously until we reach Stage 4 Steady State status. In cases where space limitations, use of shared facilities, or department or building level density concerns require prioritizing on-campus access, the following considerations will be considered when determining access priority.

- Research groups with current external funding;
- Assistant professors;
- Graduate students nearing completion of their degree programs;
- Upcoming deadlines for new or renewal grant applications.

Principle #4: Researchers must plan for ramping up AND ramping down activities. Given the fluidity of the COVID-19 situation, researchers must carefully develop on-going planning that allows for moving back into remote activities or other limitations that may arise.

The Ramping Research Plan has a series of 5 potential stages shown below.



Next Steps (updated for Stage 3 implementation): Associate deans for research (or their equivalents) will continue with faculty to put together plans for moving into Stage 3. Department/college level plans will be reviewed and approved by college leadership and then forwarded to the vice president for research and innovation. Timing for later phase implementation will be determined following a review of the adherence to guidelines in prior phases and assessment of public health indicators. The plan is subject to change as best practices for COVID-19 protection evolve.