Increasing access to labs, offices and studios for academic and research work

As part of UC San Diego’s effort to incrementally repopulate the campus, we are increasing access for faculty and PIs to their individual labs, offices and studios for academic and research work within the county’s current 25% occupancy limit.

Continuing On-site Research Activity
- Continue to follow CDC and campus guidelines, **regardless of vaccination status**, regarding social distancing, use of face coverings, daily screenings, weekly testing, and regular hand washing and sanitization.
- Number of individuals on-site at any one time remains limited to 25% of **total** personnel, including those who may have been/still are working remotely.
- The 25% limit may be increased when county guidance changes.
- Density limitations based on square feet or people per aisle/bay will no longer be required.
- No research program should diminish on-site activity/personnel. If prior space limits allowed for more on-site activity, you may still use those limits (e.g. 2 people per aisle, or 1 person per 150 square feet).
- At present, vaccination status may not be used to determine occupancy level. Asking personnel about their vaccination status is in violation of HIPAA laws.

Preparing to Increase On-Site Research Activity

Update existing Ramp-up Plans
- Make sure all members of your lab or group are on your plan and listed in the appropriate phase. Information on updating your plan can be found here ([https://blink.ucsd.edu/research/covid-19/covid-procedures.html](https://blink.ucsd.edu/research/covid-19/covid-procedures.html)) or email researchrampup@ucsd.edu to begin the update process.
- Students in training (e.g. rotations) or doing research for academic credit can be added to ramp-up plans.
- Ensure alternative or training risk mitigation plans ([https://blink.ucsd.edu/_files/research-tab/research-continuity/Ucsd_Alternative-Risk-Mitigation-Plan_052020.pdf](https://blink.ucsd.edu/_files/research-tab/research-continuity/Ucsd_Alternative-Risk-Mitigation-Plan_052020.pdf)) exist when side-by-side training is required.
- Continue to schedule on-site activity to maximize productivity.
- Unaffiliated (non-UC San Diego) volunteers may be added to plans but continue to be restricted from on-site access in order to prioritize UC San Diego personnel.

Submit a Ramp Up Plan if you have not already done so
- List all current personnel (in appropriate phase). If more personnel are hired or your team expands, you can add them to your plan at that time.
- Plans should be submitted at least 7 days before on-site activity commences/expands to allow enough time for EH&S review.