



COVID-19 PROTECTION TIPS FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

SHARED SPACE: Access for shared space should be managed in conjunction with applicable PIs who will also use this space for research to ensure a 6-foot distance between individuals can be maintained.

Facial Coverings: Facial coverings are always required to be worn by all people to minimize the spread of COVID. Facial Coverings should be worn regardless of physical distance from others and even when alone if inside a building.

OTHER PPE AND PHPE: When gloves are used, they must be removed and disposed of before leaving the research area. Hands must be washed after removing gloves. NOTE: Gloves do not eliminate the need to disinfect equipment and surfaces after use.

For occasions where in-person consultation, interviewing, training, or teamwork must occur, all persons closer than 6 feet must wear a facial covering and a face shield, safety glasses with side shields, or goggles. The time spent closer than 6 feet should not last longer than is necessary.

If safety glasses, goggles, or face shields are used, they must be wiped down before putting them on and after taking them off. Hands must be sanitized before donning or removing any safety gear used on the face or head, including donning and doffing facial coverings.

HYGIENE: Frequent hand washing is required. Hands must be washed after touching common surfaces outside of the lab such as in bathrooms and pantry areas.

SHARED EQUIPMENT: Shared equipment must be wiped down before and after each use. Where possible, shared equipment should be labeled reminding researchers to wipe down equipment before and after use. Disinfectant wipes should be available at or near all shared equipment. Individuals must wash hands after using and disinfecting shared equipment.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT that is not shared with others must be sanitized at the start and end of each day. Disinfectant wipes should be available for individuals to use for this purpose.

DISINFECTANTS: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has created a list of effective disinfectants to be used. Only disinfectants listed on the USEPA N List. If a non-listed disinfectant is to be used, proof will be available to show that it meets USEPA criteria for use against COVID-19. Researchers responsible for disinfecting equipment and surfaces will be provided an SDS and instructions for the disinfectant to be used and will follow all manufacturer requirements for

use. More information is available here: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19>

ADDITIONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES:

Researchers will work from home whenever possible. Activities such as team meetings will be held remotely when possible. Computer work will be performed remotely when possible

Researchers will be trained on the specific COVID-19 requirements as stated in this application and will follow requirements whenever in the research space.

Researchers will follow all federal, state, local, COVID-19 requirements, including but not limited to:

- Following all facility entry and exit requirements.
- Following all required workplace safety protocols.
- Being aware of and following COVID-19 requirements in areas of research off campus

OFF-CAMPUS RESEARCH COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Northeastern has developed requirements to be met for research performed off-campus. It is the responsibility of the PI to ensure the requirements available at this [link](#) are followed.

HUMAN SUBJECT RESEARCH COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Northeastern has developed additional requirements to be met for human subject research. It is the responsibility of the PI to ensure the requirements available at this [link](#) are followed.