

## VCU Cancer Mouse Models Core Reopening: Return to Research Update

As the university's research community returns to campus, we will do our best to accommodate research needs within the Return to Research guidelines outlined below. This begins Monday, June 15, as we enter Phase 2B.

Please refer to the OVPRI [Return to Research page](#)

1. **Most importantly**, core services will be provided only to those persons who are authorized to be on campus during each corresponding phase; who have completed mandatory training; and who have made their daily attestation of health status prior to entering VCU premises.
2. Prioritization will be given to internal COVID-19 research, then MCC researchers with NIH funding and early career researchers. Imminent grant proposal dates or manuscript resubmissions (with proof) may also be considered. All other internal research follows. External use will not be approved during this phase. All prioritization will be decided by the FCSR director. If a dispute arises, the FCSR director will consult with the VCU director of research infrastructure. Per guidance from the OVPRI, services charged against an internal CCU financial index will be considered internal for the purpose of prioritization, while all others will be considered external, regardless of the investigator's status with respect to VCU affiliation.
3. All animal orders should be ordered according to DAR rules and placed using the RAMS-ACUP system. Please contact DAR about animal orders.  
<https://acup.research.vcu.edu/>
4. At this time the microtome is unavailable for use. Please discuss your sectioning needs with Pam Gigliotti, (804) 874-9615, [pgigliotti@vcu.edu](mailto:pgigliotti@vcu.edu).
5. All samples must be dropped off outside the core. Please place samples in the bucket outside MCC 1-112. Please label your samples in pencil or an ethanol resistant pen. (We would like to be able to disinfect the outside of the tubes with 70% Ethanol.)
6. Paper forms are no longer accepted. Submit all orders electronically by emailing submission form to: [masseymouse@vcu.edu](mailto:masseymouse@vcu.edu)

- a. Sample submission forms can be found at:  
<https://www.massey.vcu.edu/media/massey-cancer-center/content-assets/documents/research/HistologyServiceSubmissionsFormMay2018.pdf>
- b. If you need to discuss your orders, please contact the following:

**Histology/CBC and imaging:** Pam Gigliotti, (804) 874-9615, [pgigliotti@vcu.edu](mailto:pgigliotti@vcu.edu)  
**IHC, IF, and ISH:** Jennifer Koblinski, (312) 618-8010,  
[jennifer.koblinski@vcuhealth.org](mailto:jennifer.koblinski@vcuhealth.org)  
**Animal work:** Bin Hu, (804) 263-0633; [bhu@vcu.edu](mailto:bhu@vcu.edu)

7. Non-core employees are not allowed into CMMS rooms unless coordinated with CMMC staff.
8. The scheduling calendar is closed until further notice. All scheduling is done by contacting Pam Gigliotti, [pgigliotti@vcu.edu](mailto:pgigliotti@vcu.edu). Scheduling can only be done by CMMC director and staff. This allows the CMMC to accurately space users so that equipment can be thoroughly cleaned after each use with 70% ethanol. It also allows the core to comply with operational use at this time and with each change in staging.
9. When emailing to schedule for the CMMC, you must receive a confirmation email from Pam or Jennifer or you are **not** considered scheduled.
10. Please let us know at least three days in advance if you need to use the HemaVet 950. We need time to calibrate after turning it on again.
11. When arriving for your scheduled time, please **do not enter the facilities early**. You **must** wear a mask and gloves and abide by social distancing whenever possible. **You will not be allowed to enter without a mask**. You will not be allowed to bring additional people with you for your appointment at this time.
12. If you feel sick, have a fever, feel achy, or have lost your sense of taste or smell, please use common sense and do not come to the CMMC. You will not be charged for a cancelation to keep everyone safe.
13. Direct individual questions regarding these policies to core director Jennifer Koblinski. CMMC employees have been instructed to direct all inquiries to the director.