

Genomics Sequencing Core (GSC) Resource Staged Reopening: Return to Research Update for Users

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. Internal COVID-19 research will be prioritized. Imminent grant proposal dates or manuscript resubmissions may also be considered.
3. The number of employees in the core space will comply with the regulation for R2R of one person per 250 sq ft. Users are asked not to enter the core during this time, except to drop off samples as directed.
4. Individuals within a room are required to maintain a personal distance of 6 feet.
5. Contact the core director (Gregory.buck@vcuhealth.org) to coordinate delivery of samples to the core. Consultation should be done by email at this time. The core director may schedule Zoom meetings if necessary.
6. When delivering samples, contact the core director for a drop-off time and place. Please do not enter the core at an unscheduled time. As mandated by VCU policies, you must wear a facial covering and abide by social distancing norms.
7. If you feel sick or have any symptoms of a viral infection, VCU policy mandates that you do not stay on campus. (This complies with the VCU daily health attestation.)

The core will operate at partial capacity until further notice and work will be completed as is possible. All communication with the core at this time should be by email (Gregory.buck@vcuhealth.org). In emergencies, call (804) 852-4137. Request televideo consultations via email.