

Quarterly Laboratory Safety Update

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EH&S Supports the Research Ramp-Up Stage 3

After sheltering in place for the last 3 months UCSB is preparing to enter [phase 3](#) of the [Research Ramp-Up process](#). Critical research requests, now including also time sensitive projects, should be submitted to assign Building Committees. Careful coordination will be required in order to safely bring back 8 to 15% of the

researchers to the labs. In order to support faculty and staff with preparing their COVID-19 safety plans, the Research Safety division at EH&S [posted online](#) the following guidelines:

1. [Lab Space Planing and General Lab Safety Checklist](#)
2. [Guidelines for Cleaning and Disinfecting of Laboratory Spaces](#)
3. [Guidelines of Maintaining Reusable and Shared PPE](#)
4. Face Covering Guidance (forthcoming)

During Phase 3 of the [Research Ramp-Up Process](#) EH&S will be the distribution center for facial masks. Building Committees should fill out a [Request Excel Sheet](#) on building level and submit it to amoretto@ucsb.edu. EH&S will provide one mask per a work day in a week (e.g. if the researcher will work 3 days in a week they will receive 3 masks). As always, please, don't hesitate to [contact us](#) with any questions or concerns. We are here to help!

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A Sneak Peek: Face Covering Guidance (coming soon):

It is required that all individuals wear face coverings **any time they are on campus**, in accordance with established best practices.

Think Tidy!

Part of the Research Ramp-Up process requires an initial building walk-thought prior approving research activities. Laboratories are checked for hazards and obvious problems. **Housekeeping** is first on the list. Maintaining well organized and clean laboratories is critical during this combined effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 disease. Removing clutter from work areas will allow for better results during [lab surfaces disinfection](#). [The importance of housekeeping does not stop with the end of the pandemic](#). Good housekeeping is an effective way to reduce injuries and increase productivity. An article published by the [Health + Safety Magazine](#) has for you 11 tips for effective housekeeping.

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Do you need a GPS, two ways radios or a first aid kit for your trip? How about a satellite communicator or maybe a bear canister?

**EH&S is offering loaner equipment to field researchers at NO
COST.**

For a full list of available equipment please visit our [website!](#)

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