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Colleagues,

consistent with the S&T repopulation plan (<https://econnection.mst.edu/2020/05/returning-to-campus-one-phase-at-a-time/>) and based on the recommendations by Dr. Goodman and the ad hoc lab access committee, we are moving to the next phase of opening research laboratories:

1. The next stage of lab opening commences on May 26, with oversight by department chairs and center directors. Responsibility within laboratories to maintain appropriate social distancing, stay below lab max capacity, wear appropriate PPE, and adhere to laboratory safety protocols will be the shared responsibility of the PI and chair/center director. In increasing the number of approved personnel for their unit, chair/center directors should target **75%** of ultimate lab occupancy. Here, occupancy levels refer to the total personnel approved to enter the laboratories at any time, rather than a set time interval. To arrive at 75% occupancy, chairs/center directors may use a guideline of opening labs for December 2020 graduation or research deadlines, or other criteria that are more suitable for their unit.
2. Chairs/center directors will continue to track laboratory personnel that may access any given laboratory using the excel spreadsheets on shared drives, such that this may be accessible to EHS, medical personnel, campus police, the VCR, and the ad hoc laboratory access committee.
3. The efforts of the ad hoc lab access committee to provide secondary approval for chairs/directors will be redirected from reviewing lab schedules and student lists (via remote review of spreadsheets), to doing 'spot checks' in person that social distancing protocols are being adhered to in the laboratories. The ad hoc laboratory access committee will develop scheduling to share this in-person oversight and review of opened laboratories. In instances where the ad hoc committee notes lack of attention to COVID-19 protocols, they may make recommendations to the VCR to restrict access for that laboratory and/or department/center.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,
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