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This will be the final weekly research re-engagement update sent to all active investigators, including those engaged in human research, and research administrators across the three University of Michigan campuses. Important information about research and scholarship activity across U-M will be featured as part of President Mark Schlissel’s weekly emails to the U-M community.

Dear faculty and research staff,

Please review the items below for important information regarding the University of Michigan’s strategic plans to safely continue research and scholarship across its three campuses. More information is available on the U-M research re-engagement webpage.

COVID-related research metrics

- Researchers to date who have displayed symptoms and tested positive for COVID-19: 7 (6 Ann Arbor, 1 Dearborn)
  - Zero researchers tested positive for COVID-19 this past week.
- Researchers to date who have displayed symptoms (or were tested as part of contact tracing) and tested negative for COVID-19: 17
- If you see or feel someone is not following appropriate guidance for maintaining a research space, we encourage constructive feedback between personnel. You can also report the issue anonymously through the U-M Compliance Hotline.

Human research updates

- Studies approved for activation under Tier 0, Tier 1 and Tier 2 can safely resume in-person human research.
- 1,356 human research activation protocols have already been approved. 43 protocols are in the review process, and PIs should soon receive updates regarding their submissions.

Stay safe and healthy, and research onward.

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