

OVERVIEW

This checklist has been developed by Risk Management and Safety (RM&S). It can serve as an aid to Principal Investigators (PIs) and other Supervisors in their development of field research resumption plans as they (re)assess their current and future field activities under SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) mandates. Written plans must be submitted to and approved by Deans and Department Heads before field work can be resumed. RM&S's Lab Safety Coordinators are available to assist PIs in the development and review and to assist Deans in the final review of resumption plans.

	Task	Related Link, if any
<input type="radio"/>	A site-specific Health & Safety Plan for field work activities has been submitted and approved by the Dean.	https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/UVM-Risk-Management-and-Safety/Health_and_Safety_Plan_template_2019.pdf and https://www.uvm.edu/riskmanagement/safety-field-work-and-farm-operations
<input type="radio"/>	Plan includes the consideration and documentation of level(s) of risk associated with the field site(s) and which task(s) must be performed at those sites.	To help determine risk levels, see: https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/Physical-Plant-Department/Exposure_Control_for_UVM_employees772.pdf
<input type="radio"/>	Consider field researchers' individual risk factors (e.g., older in age; current or chronic medical condition(s), including being immunocompromised; pregnant, etc.).	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html
<input type="radio"/>	Critical research activities have been identified. Non-essential field work activities have been discontinued.	
<input type="radio"/>	Low-risk field activities will begin first: trips to places that are easy to access and in close proximity to medical facilities.	To help determine risk levels, see: https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/Physical-Plant-Department/Exposure_Control_for_UVM_employees772.pdf
<input type="radio"/>	High-risk activities will be avoided: traveling long distances to remote areas, areas with poor cell coverage, and places difficult to access on foot.	To help determine risk levels, see: https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/Physical-Plant-Department/Exposure_Control_for_UVM_employees772.pdf
<input type="radio"/>	Eliminate potential risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 for any faculty, staff, or students, such as field research that requires working in close proximity with others, in locations where work must be done in groups, or in known areas of community transmission.	



<input type="radio"/>	Considerations have been made regarding service areas (e.g. highway rest areas, visitor centers) that may be closed; trail head facilities, porta-lets may also be locked and closed.	
<input type="radio"/>	If soap and running water will not be immediately available in field research location, ensure researchers carry a supply of hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol and disinfectant wipes.	
<input type="radio"/>	Two people (max) may travel together in one vehicle; BOTH must wear face coverings at all times. Individuals traveling alone need not.	
<input type="radio"/>	Buddy system has been considered for safety and communication purposes.	
<input type="radio"/>	Tools and equipment should not be shared. Equipment must be disinfected with soap and water or 70% ethanol before and after use.	
<input type="radio"/>	Researchers must be able to keep 6 ft distance or more between themselves and others whether working inside or outdoors.	
<input type="radio"/>	Cloth face covering must be worn by all individuals who work in close proximity to other people - even outdoors.	
<input type="radio"/>	Follow CDC recommendations for social and physical distancing at all times, even in the field. Individuals can spread this virus <i>before</i> they know they are sick.	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html
<input type="radio"/>	There will be no more than 5 in any outdoor “group” gatherings and 6 ft distances will be kept.	
<input type="radio"/>	If researcher(s) must go into a store to buy supplies to conduct field work, they must cover mouth and nose with a cloth face covering and keep at least 6 feet between themselves and others.	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html
<input type="radio"/>	Field workers know what the most common symptoms of COVID-19 are and know where to look for additional information.	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/index.html



<input type="radio"/>	Researchers should self-monitor their own symptoms. Do not report to work if sick/or have any COVID-19 symptoms.	https://www.uvm.edu/emergency/forms/covid-19-employee-tracking-form
<input type="radio"/>	if anyone develops symptoms at work or in the field, they must go home immediately and report it through UVM's online employee tracking form.	https://www.uvm.edu/emergency/forms/covid-19-employee-tracking-form
<input type="radio"/>	UVM guidelines and NIOSH guidelines for Field Work Safety have been reviewed.	https://www.uvm.edu/riskmanagement/safety-field-work-and-farm-operations and NIOSH Hazards for Outdoor Workers

Follow UVM reporting procedures: https://www.uvm.edu/sites/default/files/Office-of-Emergency-Management/Employee_Reporting_Process_Final_3.30.20.pdf