## **Research Continuity Update: January 2022**

As a research-intensive university geared to conducting world-class research, University of Guelph places a premium on sustaining our research and innovation enterprise. We also place a premium on, keeping our research community safe. In keeping with these values, the Omicron variant is requiring us to revisit our guidelines for conducting research during COVID-19. We will communicate any changes as quickly as we can through Research Alerts, the Research during COVID-19 website and associated documents, and through Associate Deans Research and Graduate Studies.

At this time, it is important we follow the following guidelines:

- **New:** Non-Office research space density has changed back to less than 1 person per 9.2 m<sup>2</sup>, with no more than 1 person per 3 metres of laboratory bench, hood, glove box, biosafety cabinet, etc., at any time.
- Research that can safely and effectively be conducted remotely without the physical
  use of University of Guelph operated facilities (including offices and field sites) should
  be conducted remotely.
- University of Guelph research activities require an approved Research Management Plan (RMP).

We are reviewing human participant face-to-face research, guidelines. Watch for updates during the week of January 10, 2022

Please continue to refer to the Research Continuity Framework\*.

\*Previously referred to as the Research Phase-In Framework

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