K-State Laboratory/Studio/Research Site Reopening Plan: COVID-19

PI or Lab Head	
Building/Room Numbers/Locations	
Date	

			General Reopening Checklist (auto check boxes)
Consult	atio	ns a	nd Notifications
YES	N/A		
			Department Head (required)
			ADR or Dean's Office (required)
			University Research Compliance Office (for compliance issues, IRB, IBC, IACUC)
			Animal Care (CMG, LACS, or other as appropriate)
			Information Technology Services (for IT items)
			EH&S (notification required)
			Facilities (notification required to know that research is resuming in space)
			Human Capital Services representative (if needed)
Person	nel 8	k Saf	ety
			Determine how physical distancing standards will be applied – include sketches of lab space and number of sq. ft.
			Consider and identify, if needed, staffing teams and rotations
			List PPE requirements specific to the research to be conducted, order more as needed
			Identify source of masks (e.g. surgical masks) needed for work with others
			Assign minimal staff to make media, set up cultures, etc. before beginning full research
			Develop communication strategy for team members (email, notifications, etc.)
			List disinfection protocols to be followed (disinfectant used, frequency, etc.)
Supplie	s & I	Equi	pment
			List equipment that will need to be recalibrated/certified and serviced. Schedule such service before having anyone arrive on campus. Distancing needs to be maintained with service technicians in addition to regular lab members.
			List reagents/media that need to be remade or reordered
			List consumables that need to be ordered/re-stocked
			Start-up/test computer-controlled equipment prior to initiating runs
Experin	nent	atio	n
			Identify first planned experiments and who will perform them
			Plan the necessary duration of the research
			Identify any animals that will be required

	Consider whether a staggered start might be implemented while media is made, cell lines are started, items are reordered, etc.
	Consider whether the research be easily halted if another step-down is necessary
	Consider whether the research can be performed with limited staff and/or rotating teams

		Specific Detailed Infrastructure/Safety Checklist
		Add Additional Items as Applicable
YES	N/A	
		Conduct visual inspection of entire laboratory and associated storage areas. Report any damage or lost materials to Assistant VP for Risk Compliance (with estimates of cost/value).
		Review any ongoing experiments that were running during the hibernation that could have been affected by loss of electricity, water, or other services.
		 Ensure chemical fume hoods are functioning properly as per SOPs. If the fume hoods are on a schedule, confirm everyone in the laboratory understands the schedule
		 Ensure biological safety cabinets are functioning properly as per SOPs. If the biosafety cabinets are on a schedule, confirm everyone in the laboratory understands the schedule.
		Ensure that all refrigerators, freezers, and incubators are functioning properly as per SOPs/manuals.
		Ensure any essential equipment that was on emergency power is functioning properly.
		Ensure any sensitive electrical equipment that was shut off and unplugged is functioning properly.
		 Review equipment operation safety. Review equipment manuals for safe startup instructions. Review equipment state and safely release any stored-up energy sources.
		Ensure any unplugged non-essential electrical devices particularly heat-generating equipment such as hot plates, stir plates, vacuum pumps, or ovens are functioning properly.
		Confirm all glassware on the benchtops or stored in cabinets is still secured.
		Confirm Dewar flasks and cryogen containers that were used for sample storage and critical equipment are still filled.
		Confirm that storage of perishable items that used alternate cooling methods (e.g. liquid nitrogen, dry ice, etc.), vulnerable items put in storage units that have power backup systems, or items that were stored in duplicate locations are still secured and safe.
		Check containers of chemicals, biohazardous, radioactive materials, and hazardous waste are still properly labeled, closed, not expired, and secured in appropriate storage areas. Arrange waste pick-up for expired materials or other waste.
		Check infectious material and toxins that were put away for storage are still secure.
		Review inventory of hazardous materials and controlled substances to ensure no losses/theft. Report any losses.
		Check all gas cylinders to ensure that they are still secured and valves closed. Ensure regulators are still not attached and caps are still in place on cylinders. Ensure natural gas lines in the laboratory are still closed.

	Ensure that all water sources (e.g. circulating water baths, aspirators, etc.) are not leaking.
	Check eye wash stations and flush for at least 10 mins to ensure any bacteria that built
	 up have been removed. Document on test log record. Report malfunctioning units.
	Pour water down any dry floor drains or traps.
	Check all disinfectants and appropriately discard any that have expired.
	Return any elevated equipment, supplies, electrical wires, or chemicals that were off the floor to protect against flooding from broken pipes.
	If necessary, restore any backed up secure data and turn on non-essential/non-critical computers and equipment. Return any secured laptop computers or other easy to remove electronic devices.
	Remove "Notice of Hibernation".
	Review safety procedures.
	Review/update any internal laboratory hazard analysis.
	Review/update the Chemical Hygiene Plan, Radiation Safety Manual, Biosafety
	Manual, and any other Standard Operating Procedures.
	Review any shared facilities, such as microscopy areas, analytical laboratories, etc., for
	any use restrictions.
	Delays due to start-up procedures.
	May have restricted schedules to accommodate social distancing.
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