

Resident Research Resumption Plan (Phase III)

As part of its re-opening strategy the MBL has adopted a phased plan for returning to research following CDC and Commonwealth of Massachusetts safety guidelines. These have included reduced occupancy in labs, mandatory mask wearing, increased cleaning protocols and lab occupancy/cleaning logs to be maintained and reviewed daily. These actions have been effective in creating an environment that mitigates the risk of COVID-19 transmission, ultimately enabling the MBL to re-open labs and welcome a limited number of visiting researchers to campus.

The MBL is now in its Phase 3 of research activities. The MBL and the Woods Hole community are not “back to normal.” [Masks](#) must be worn at all times in all research areas, and all research staff must complete the [COVID-19 vaccine registration and attestation](#). All buildings on the MBL campus remain locked and access requires a validated ID badge. These processes and guidelines reflect our experience conducting research at the MBL during the pandemic and the growing understanding of best practices for mitigating the risk of spreading of SARS-CoV-2 in environments where proper hygiene, social distancing, and mask wearing protocols are strictly followed. Principal Investigators are responsible for the maintenance of safe behaviors in their lab and compliance with all MBL COVID-19 guidelines by their personnel.

It is essential that anyone displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 should not be on the MBL campus. An individual’s presence on campus is an attestation that they are asymptomatic. If Principal Investigators who have lab members displaying symptoms or have been contacted about someone displaying symptoms should contact the Human Resources Department at hr@mbledu. It is important to note that no identifying information should be submitted in writing. More information can be found in the [MBL’s Guide for Addressing Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Exposures](#).

[All contractors and vendors must register prior to arrival on campus.](#)

Compliance by visitors with MBL COVID guidelines is the responsibility of the host PI. The MBL is currently not allowing unregistered visitors on campus.

Parents and guardians who would like to request building access for their child/minor must complete the Request Form for Child Access to MBL Buildings ([see MBL Intranet for link](#)) and agree to a set of responsibilities and requirements. Once approved, an ID badge will be created for the child/minor at MBL’s Registration Desk in the Swope Center.

Anyone can report violations to the MBL’s COVID-19 Health Requirements by reporting the incident to their supervisor, PI, or MBL Point of Contact or by submitting an anonymous [COVID-19 Incident Violation Report](#).