

**COVID-19 Return to Work  
Commitment to Public Health Practices**

To minimize the risk to public health while performing research at the University of Maryland (UMD), students, staff, and faculty are expected to adhere to public health practices to minimize the spread of COVID19.

**By signing this form, you are agreeing to adhere to the behaviors and expectations below.**

*Statement of Commitment:*

*As a member of the UMD campus community, I commit to promoting health and safety for myself and my colleagues through my awareness, actions, and attitudes, as follows:*

- *I will adhere to local, state, and federal public health and safety measures, and will consistently and conscientiously implement UMD policies, procedures, requirements, and recommendations.*
- *I will limit my exposure to COVID-19 by maintaining social distancing guidelines professionally and personally.*
- *I will wear the appropriate personal protective equipment and practice proper handwashing and other personal hygiene techniques frequently.*
- *I agree to closely monitor my health and will not enter a UMD building or participate in face-to-face research activities if I develop or display symptoms of COVID-19 including but not limited to fever, tiredness, and dry cough.*
- *I will monitor my temperature daily.*
- *I will clean and disinfect work surfaces each time I begin and end my work.*
- *I will follow other UMD guidelines for ethical research to protect the public health as necessary.*
- *I will comply with the policies and procedures established by my laboratory or research group and will comply with policies and procedures in other facilities used for my research.*
- *I understand that failure to follow these expected behaviors would be detrimental to public health efforts and could impact my ability to perform research or other tasks at UMD.*

Name (print or type): \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return completed agreement to: the Faculty PI/ Research Group Leader/Lab Director  
Please note: All Forms must be shared with Department Chairs and/or Dean's Offices***

The Research Group Leader/Principal Investigator/Laboratory Director sharing this agreement understands it is their responsibility, to the best of their ability, to effectively communicate and promote these public health behaviors.