

Stanford's Response to COVID-19

- **March 3, 2020** - University units strongly encouraged to cancel or postpone events hosting between March 4 and April 15 that involve more than 150 participants. [Read More](#).
- **March 4, 2020** - University-sponsored international travel restricted. [Read More](#).
- **March 6, 2020** - Two Stanford students are self-isolating after possible exposure to COVID-19. [Read More](#).
- **March 9, 2020** - All Stanford courses moved to an online format in place of in-person instruction for 2 weeks. [Read More](#).
- **March 10, 2020** - Stacey Bent (Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs) asks Principal Investigators and lab members to prepare plans for research continuity and give careful thought to what you could do to advance your research with reduced or even no lab presence. [Read More](#).
- **March 10, 2020** - President Tessier-Lavigne communicated that Stanford will begin spring quarter classes using virtual learning, rather than in-person classes. [Read More](#).
- **March 12, 2020** - Stacey Bent (Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Postdoctoral Affairs) reports Stanford will restrict appointment of all new Visiting Student Researchers, Visiting Postdoctoral Scholars, and Visiting Scholars until at least June 1, 2020. [Read More](#).
- **March 13, 2020** - President Tessier-Lavigne announced first positive COVID-19 test for an undergraduate student in Stanford's community. Stanford is now prohibiting gatherings of 35 people or more following county directive. [Read More](#).
- **March 13, 2020** - Travel ban affects countries that are members of the Schengen area. [Read More](#).
- **March 14, 2020** - Stanford advises Principal Investigators should be prepared for the possibility of research cessation. Principal Investigators and lab heads should work with each of their student and postdoctoral trainees to develop a personalized plan that allows each of them to conduct research remotely to the fullest extent possible. [Read More](#).
- **March 16, 2020** - Stanford reassures employees the university intends to continue pay at current base rate without respect to the number of hours they work. [Read More](#). Employees who can do their work from home should do so at this time, instead of coming to campus. [Read More](#).
- **March 17, 2020** - Public Health Officials announced [Shelter in Place order](#). Stanford allows only essential on-campus research functions (Stage 0), including the following ([Read More](#)): Completing shutdown procedures; Conducting critical maintenance procedures; Certain clinical research; COVID-19 research that has the potential to mitigate the spread of the pandemic. [Research Recovery](#).
- **March 19, 2020** - President Tessier-Lavigne announced entire spring quarter courses would be taught online. [Read More](#).
- **March 20, 2020** - Stanford Health Care requests donation from departments and labs at Stanford University for COVID-19 testing supplies. [Read More](#).
- **March 24, 2020** - Russell Furr (Associate Vice Provost, Environmental Health & Safety) announced 1 on-campus COVID-19 positive case and 24 in the broader Stanford community. Stanford community (faculty, staff, students, postdocs) should report flu-like symptoms to the university as well as if tested for COVID-19. [Read More](#).
- **March 26, 2020** - Stanford extended tenure clock for one year for all untenured faculty. Provost Drell has asked the deans to pause faculty searches. University instituted a hiring pause for staff positions. [Read More](#).
- **April 2, 2020** - Announced on-campus residential programs not possible this summer. Froze faculty and staff salaries. [Read More](#).
- **April 3, 2020** - Stanford closed all entrances to the Dish. [Read More](#).
- **April 14, 2020** - Committed to pay continuation for all regular Stanford employees (both full-time and part-time benefits-eligible employees) through June 15, the end of our spring quarter. [Read More](#).
- **April 21, 2020** - Face coverings are required at all Stanford locations, however they are not required to be worn in personal offices while the door is closed, and you are alone. [Read More](#).
- **April 30, 2020** - New course "Covid-19 Hygiene Best Practices" required before returning to work on campus. [Read More](#).
- **May 11, 2020** - Stanford academic units (schools, departments, and institutes) may approve a small number of research visits to campus for Minimum Basic Research Operations (Stage 0) that *a*) maintain the value of research inventory and samples, or *b*) ensure that remote work can continue to the fullest extent possible. For example, Minimum Basic Research Operations may include these activities:

biobanking, making cultures, processing samples that would otherwise degrade, acquiring a final piece of data that will enable group members to analyze and document their experiments, setting up an experiment that someone can monitor and control remotely, or accessing laboratory data for subsequent remote analysis. For each Principal Investigator (PI), preferably no more than 1, and definitely no more than 2 personnel should work on campus on any given day, unless the PI has obtained approval for COVID-19 or other Essential Research Functions or Minimum Basic Research Operations. [Research Recovery](#).

- **May 22, 2020** - All faculty, staff, postdocs, and students who are working on-site at a Stanford location required to use a new, Stanford-developed [online tool called Health Check](#) to screen for temperature and any other COVID-related symptoms. [Read More](#).
- **May 22, 2020** - Santa Clara county allows curbside retail, along with manufacturing and logistics that support retail. [Read More](#).
- **May 27, 2020** - Pay continuation continued through August 31, 2020. [Read More](#).
- **June 1, 2020** - Stanford enters Stage 1 of recovery. Research activities are defined as essential research functions and minimum basic research operations. In Stage 1, the limit on personnel is capped at two (2) personnel per faculty member per shift. In Stage 1, only one person at a time may occupy rooms with areas smaller than 250 square feet (e.g., tissue culture rooms, microscopy rooms, small instrument rooms, etc.). [Research Recovery](#).
- **June 1, 2020** - U.S. Presidential proclamation suspends entry of certain students and researchers from People's Republic of China. [Read More](#).
- **June 3, 2020** - New appointments of visiting student researchers, visiting postdoctoral scholars, visiting scholars, and other nonmatriculated students, have now been extended at least until April 2021. [Read More](#).
- **June 5, 2020** - [Cardinal Recovery website](#) launched. [Read More](#).
- **June 5, 2020** - On-campus density cap was extended to 4 people per faculty member per shift, provided that (a) the laboratory room has at least 250 square feet per person, and (b) the local unit approves the faculty member going to this density. The lab SOP must include physical distancing. [Research Recovery](#).
- **June 10, 2020** - IRB-approved, in-person non-clinical human subjects research activities that meet certain criteria, including subjects are members of the same research team as PIs; PIs, researchers, and subjects are willing and ready to participate, in compliance with IRB consent procedures; PIs have Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) that conform to requirements (e.g., density criteria, hygiene, laboratory headcount and building population density) for Stage 1 Laboratories Research in the [Research Recovery Handbook](#), and that have received approval from appropriate departments and/or schools. [Research Recovery](#).
- **June 22, 2020** - Stanford enters Stage 2 of recovery. During Stage 2, essential on-campus research functions and associated support activities will continue to ramp up as a small number of additional researchers return to campus to conduct research that require use of special lab equipment and cannot be done remotely. Unless authorized by school/unit dean, vice provost or vice president to return to campus, all work that can be done remotely should continue to be done remotely. Beginning in Stage 2, COVID-19-related basic research will no longer need approval from the Dean of Research Essential Research Functions Review Committee. Most faculty and staff members will continue to work off-site. [Read More](#).
- **June 24, 2020** - Executive Order bars entry of H-1B applicants outside the U.S. and certain J-1 categories which remains in effect until December 31, 2020, which was later extended to March 31, 2021. [Read More](#).
- **July 10, 2020** - Stanford releases [Workplace COVID-19 Risk Matrix](#). [Read More](#).
- **July 13, 2020** - On-campus density policy updated to 1 person per 250 square feet. In rooms smaller than 250 square feet (e.g., tissue culture rooms, microscopy rooms, small instrument rooms, etc.), only one person at a time may occupy the space. [Research Recovery](#).
- **July 31, 2020** - Stanford's travel policy suspends university-sponsored travel until at least January 4, 2021. [Read More](#).
- **August 31, 2020** - Began ongoing surveillance testing for graduate students living on- or off- Stanford housing or who are coming to campus. Stanford faculty, staff, and postdoctoral scholars who are regularly working on the Stanford campus have access to voluntary, self-administered COVID-19 tests. [Read More](#).
- **September 1, 2020** - Stanford's new zones are in affect as required by the State of California. [Read More](#).
- **September 14, 2020** - Stanford announces new public [COVID-19 dashboards](#) to report the results of its COVID-19 surveillance testing for on-site members of the university community. [Read More](#).

- **September 14, 2020** - Training or the part of training that cannot be performed remotely should be conducted under the following scenarios orientation for new PIs, graduate students, and postdocs; on-site training for Stanford researchers on the use of equipment or advanced techniques. Any training or part of training that can be performed remotely should continue to be done in this way. This could include, for example, a combination of instructional videos, Zoom consultations, and virtual oversight for tasks that could be performed with a link to the trainer. [Research Recovery](#).
- **September 14, 2020** - Undergraduates living on campus may begin to be included in on-campus research in the fall and winter quarters 2020-21. Undergraduates living on campus who wish to do research and have not yet been approved must seek approval from their PI, in consultation with their Department Chair or Program Director, prior to beginning work in the lab. [Research Recovery](#).
- **September 23, 2020** - Clinical patients already coming in to SHC or LPCH for a medical visit can also go for clinical or non-clinical human subjects research to non-SoM Buildings, on the same day may return on another day for the research component. [Research Recovery](#).
- **October 5, 2020** - On-campus density policy updated to 1 person per 125 square feet. [Research Recovery](#).
- **October 14, 2020** - Stanford affiliates (i.e., students, postdocs, staff and faculty) currently living on campus will be allowed to participate in IRB-approved, in-person human subjects research on campus if they meet certain requirements. [Research Recovery](#).
- **October 21, 2020** - IRB-approved clinical and non-clinical longitudinal and cross-sectional in-person human subjects research on campus with community participants that are low risk (i.e., who are not members of groups that are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19) will be allowed to resume. [Research Recovery](#).
- November 6, 2020 - Chinese government requires all travelers bound for China take nucleic acid and IgM anti-body tests and apply for a green health code before boarding an airplane. [Read More](#).
- **November 16, 2020** - County of Santa Clara requires that all persons traveling into Santa Clara county whether by air, car, train, or any other means, directly or indirectly from a point of origin greater than 150 miles from the county's borders must quarantine for at least 10 days after arrival. There is no testing option to shorten this period. [Read More](#).
- **November 29, 2020** - Important for the Stanford community is a change for those returning to Santa Clara County from travel outside the area. Beginning Monday, Nov. 30, anyone who returns to Santa Clara County after traveling more than 150 miles away must quarantine for 14 days. There is no longer an option to test out of quarantine after five days. [Read More](#).
- **December 15, 2020** - The [county's updated directive](#) calls for a quarantine of 10 days, rather than the original 14 days, for anyone arriving from travel of more than 150 miles away from Santa Clara County's borders. [Read More](#).
- **December 18, 2020** – Stanford begins initial vaccination of front-line workers. [Read More](#).
- **January 1, 2021** - IRB-approved non-clinical in-person human subjects research conducted off campus at local community sites (e.g., schools within 50 miles of Stanford) may resume if: (1) county and state conditions allow those sites to be open and allow researchers to be onsite, and (2) studies abide by current health and safety protocols required by Stanford and the local community site. [Research Recovery](#).
- **January 4, 2021** - Stanford requires COVID-19 surveillance testing for all faculty, staff and postdoctoral scholars who come to campus for in-person work. [Read More](#).
- **February 1, 2021** - Undergraduate seniors and juniors living in the local area may come to campus to continue an *existing* research project that requires access to special facilities (e.g., labs, studios, library collections that are not digitized, etc.). [Research Recovery](#).
- **February 25, 2021** - Stanford juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to return to campus for the spring quarter. [Read More](#).