Submission of Proposals for COVID-19-Related Research

Effective Friday, March 20, 2020, all proposals to conduct essential COVID-19-related research project(s) require review by Senior University Administration and Department Chairs. In addition the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) will review all COVID-19-related research using biological materials.

To address timely review of research the IBC is meeting weekly. Investigators wishing to perform essential COVID-19-related research should submit for each project:

1. A brief proposal (no more than one page; submit to biosafety@columbia.edu) that identifies the scope of research and very specifically the type of SARS-CoV-2 viral material employed. Examples include:
   - Viral culture from a repository,
   - Virus isolation from specimens
   - Clinical specimens from COVID-19 patients
   - Material subjected to viral inactivation in a Columbia University research laboratory, or the University’s Biobank
   - Material not inactivated, processed for shipping
   - Material subjected to viral inactivation before receiving at Columbia University (non-infectious)
   - Full length viral RNA
   - Viral genes in plasmids