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CFAES Community:

The CFAES Transition Team is actively planning for a safe, phased transition on a return to office across all campuses and mission areas. The team is working in subgroups and pulling in many others to help through existing or new workgroups:

- Work/Life/HR
- Academics and Student Experience
- Operations and Research/Extension Missions

One early focus has included Operations and field research; Limited research lab re-openings; and County Extension operations. Operations work across all campuses continues and several projects have been approved by the Research/Extension exemption process.

- Beginning in early June, Extension county Extension offices were given approval to re-open physical offices to provide those essential and time-critical activities that could not be accomplished virtually. Extension offices were one of the few public county offices still remaining in full telework and they are reaching a critical point for being able to fully meet the needs of clientele, particularly around agricultural support to farmers and producers, 4-H youth participating in county fairs, food safety and preservation, and health and wellness for local communities. Each county is submitting a transition plan for their office for exemption approval.
- On or after June 15, we will have a limited increase of research lab activity in alignment with University guidelines for Stage 3 research lab re-openings. All activity must be submitted for approval by CFAES.

Planning has begun for fall semester teaching, advising and the student experience. We have started receiving guidance from the University on planning for “a teaching and learning approach that combines in-person and distance methods” as announced last week. Academic programs will soon inventory all classes to determine how they will be taught.

For those wondering when you can return to your office on campus or in a CFAES facility, we anticipate starting to see that transition later this summer, but restrictions will remain. All employees without exemptions are to continue teleworking until further notice. Ongoing telework may be encouraged where possible with more guidance to come.

The University has stated that the resumption of full operations on Ohio State campuses and

facilities will include a combination of the use of appropriate face coverings, physical distancing, hand hygiene, limited density in indoor spaces, control of the flow of traffic into and around buildings, continued employee teleworking when possible, testing, symptoms tracking and contact tracing. As we continue our transitioning phases, guidance will be provided, and we will need to be sure to follow these practices.

For information from the University task force, see the [COVID-19 Transition Task Force webpage](#).

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