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Dear Graduate Students:

The Graduate School strives to keep you safe and healthy during your time at UMB and especially during the increase in COVID-19 cases. Even with health concerns, I know many of you are eager to continue your educational experience including research projects. Below are guidelines for students with research responsibilities.

Categories of students:

- Research rotation students
- Visiting rotation student
- Thesis students
- Dissertation students
- Graduate Assistants at UMB
- Graduate Assistants not at UMB
- Visiting Graduate Assistants from other institutions

Students, including visiting students from other universities, enrolled in Research Rotations (examples, GPLS 609, NURS 819, PHAR 608) will follow guidelines for Classes/Education and complete all their work remotely.

Telework is encouraged whenever possible for students who are UMB Graduate Assistants (GAs), or enrolled in Practicum (NURS 818), Thesis (799) or Dissertation (898 or 899) Research courses. Students who telework must practice responsible conduct of research and maintain data integrity and human subject and patient confidentiality. Some student research may need to be completed at UMB. If safety protocols, including social distancing in the research setting, can be met and the student's research is considered essential, mentors may designate Graduate Assistants, thesis and dissertation research students as essential personnel. Additionally, UMB Clinical Guidance PDF provides valuable insight for clinicals, field placements, and internships that may be applicable to your research project. Visiting Graduate Assistants from other institutions may continue dissertation or thesis research with approval from their home institution.
Students who have a primary research location other than UMB should follow guidelines at their current location and contact Dr. Golembewski egole001@umaryland.edu for additional guidance.

As we continue to evaluate the situation, additional research guidelines will be distributed next week.

Any student who feels unsafe or uncomfortable with any tasks you have been asked to complete, should contact me at egole001@umaryland.edu immediately for additional guidance.

Sincerely,

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