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Re: The impact on fieldwork during the UCSB research shutdown

Our office has received questions regarding how the research shutdown applies to fieldwork that is taking place off-campus. The following guidance is intended to address those questions.

All fieldwork is subject to the terms of the [UCSB Shutdown of All On-campus Research memo](#), and must be stopped unless an exception is granted. The continuation of ongoing critical fieldwork requires approval through the process described in the above memo. In particular, you should route a request for an exception to the Chairperson and/or Director of the Department and/or ORU/Institute/Center with the closest affiliation(s) to this research to speed up the process. New fieldwork is unlikely to receive approval unless it directly relates to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

Even if approval is granted, you must suspend any fieldwork conducted in localities that declare a state of emergency due to COVID-19 community spread (for domestic field work) and follow all directives from the appropriate government agencies (domestic and international field work). Please keep in mind that the Department of State currently advises U.S. citizens to avoid all international travel due to the global impact of COVID-19.