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TO: Members of the UMES Research Community

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SUBJECT: Research Resumption at UMES

Colleagues, in consultation with President Anderson, Provost Niemi, School Deans, and our Research Advisory Team, I am pleased to announce that we have permission to phase in Research at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. I thank you all for your patience during this challenging time as we have worked to "Flatten the Curve" and spread of the COVID-19 virus. We are aware of the difficulty that many of you had in having to cease research operations during this pandemic. Research will resume in Phase I of the University's reopening plan set to begin on July 6, 2020.

We are excited to have each of you return to campus to resume activities. As President Anderson's message stated, safety is of the utmost importance. Attached to this message, you will find the guidelines for resuming research in your laboratories and on UMES Vessels. Adherence to these guidelines are mandatory and every effort should be made to maintain a clean and safe environment. Thank you to Dr. Victor Hsia and the members of the Research Advisory Team for their consultation on the attached criteria.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Joseph Pitula or myself. We wish you a productive and safe summer and we thank you again for your dedication to research and discovery.