University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Office of Research
News for the week of June 22, 2020

**UC and UC Health Launch Phase 3 Clinical Trial for COVID-19 Vaccine.** Researchers at the University of Cincinnati and UC Health will host a Phase 3 clinical trial to evaluate the effectiveness of a vaccine for COVID-19. UC is one of approximately 90 sites across the U.S. selected for the study, which will administer the vaccine candidate mRNA-1273 to volunteer participants and monitor its efficacy in eliciting an immune response that provides protection from COVID-19. Enrollment is expected to begin in July. Click here to learn more about this study. If you are willing to be contacted about the vaccine research study please complete the short form here.

**External Service Technicians and Vendors in UC Buildings.** The overall process for service personnel access is still evolving, however the general principle is that access can be granted if the service personnel abide by the same safe practices and distancing standard established and approved for the individual investigator who needs the service. Please remember to only allow access to the minimum people necessary to do the job and all external vendors/service technicians must wear masks and follow University regulations. Access should be approved by the designated unit head. If a vendor requires additional sign-off or certification from UC regarding the safety of our research environment, then these will be addressed individually through the Office of General Council until a more formal policy can be established. For more information visit the UC Return to Research website.

**Windows 7 Access to Internet Ending June 30th.** As of June 30th, all COM Windows 7 devices remaining active on UC’s network will be automatically identified and disconnected from the internet to comply with UC network security requirements. If you currently have a college supplied device that is still running Windows 7 and you have not been contacted yet, please contact CoM IT so they can take the appropriate actions to meet UC network security requirements. CoM IT support can be reached at 556-HELP.

**COVID-19 Seminar Series.** Attend the Department of Environmental & Public Health Sciences presentation by Angelico Mendy, MD, PhD, titled “Factors Associated with Hospitalization and Disease Severity Among COVID-19 Patients Diagnosed at UC Health Services” on Wednesday, June 24th from 3-4pm via WebEx.

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**Stay updated on UC Coronavirus COVID-19 policies:**
College of Medicine Office of Research: https://www.med.uc.edu/research/coronavirus
UC Office of Research: https://research.uc.edu/coronavirus-and-your-research
UC: https://www.uc.edu/publichealth.html