

Table 1. Chart of Brock Research Activities Across the Stages of Pandemic and Recovery (September 2022)

| | Lockdown Restrictive | Brock 1 Stringent | Brock 2 Intermediate | Brock 3 Protect and Prevent | Fall 2021 and Beyond |
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| General Description of Research That Can Be Authorized Subject to Risk-Mitigation Strategies | Time-sensitive research only, including some in-person human research and limited access to Brock Archives (prioritize student degree progression) | Time-sensitive research only, including some in-person human research and limited access to Brock Archives (prioritize student degree progression) | Time-sensitive research only, including some in-person human research and limited access to Brock Archives (prioritize student degree progression) | Increased research activity | No authorization required through the Associate Dean Research |
| Field Research | Field research in local sites can be authorized, subject to site permissions, location-specific regulations, and public health guidance | Field research in local sites can be authorized, subject to site permissions, location-specific regulations, and public health guidance | Field research in Canadian sites can be authorized, subject to site permissions, location-specific regulations, and public health guidance | Field research in Canadian sites can be authorized, subject to site permissions, location-specific regulations, and public health guidance | Field research can proceed subject to site permissions, travel restrictions, location-specific regulations, and public health guidance |
| Animal Research | Moderate duration studies (typically up to 12 weeks) that could conclude early if required | Moderate duration studies (typically up to 12 weeks) that could conclude early if required | Moderate duration studies (typically up to 12 weeks) that could conclude early if required | Full range of animal-based studies | Full range of animal-based studies subject to ACC clearance |

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| Human Research | <p>Research involving existing data sets that can be accessed off-campus subject to REB clearance (authorization not required)</p> <p>Online or telephone data collection subject to REB clearance (authorization not required)</p> <p>In-person research involving interaction, observation, or moderate intervention with human participants can be authorized, subject to appropriate risk-mitigation strategies</p> | In-person research involving interaction, observation, or moderate intervention with human participants can be authorized, subject to appropriate risk-mitigation strategies | In-person research involving interaction, observation, or moderate intervention with human participants can be authorized, subject to appropriate risk-mitigation strategies. Some higher intervention activities may be possible depending upon a broader assessment of other activities occurring at the same time | In-person research involving human participants, including studies where aerosol generation or contact with respiratory droplets is anticipated can be authorized, subject to appropriate risk-mitigation strategies | Full range of human-based studies subject to REB clearance |
| Research in Brock Archives & Special Collections | Access for faculty and graduate students, by appointment , Tuesdays and Thursdays. Capacity is limited to 1 researcher at a time. | Access for faculty and graduate students, by appointment , Tuesdays and Thursdays. Capacity is limited to 2 researchers at a time. | Access for the Brock community, by appointment , Tuesdays and Thursdays. Capacity is limited to 3 users at a time. | Extend access for the broader community, with appropriate risk-mitigation strategies in place | Access for the broader community subject to capacity limits |
| Research Training and Supervision | <p>Online or telephone training</p> <p>Continuation of on-site training by Brock personnel if required to sustain degree progress</p> | <p>Online or telephone training</p> <p>Continuation of on-site training by Brock personnel if required to sustain degree progress</p> | On-site training by Brock personnel can be authorized subject to appropriate risk mitigation | On-site training by non-Brock personnel can be authorized subject to appropriate risk mitigation | On-site training by non-Brock personnel can proceed |

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| Occupancy in shared University research spaces | Maximum occupancy calculated at a minimum of 18 m ² per person | Maximum occupancy calculated at a minimum of 18 m ² per person | Maximum occupancy calculated at a minimum of 18 m ² per person | Maximum occupancy calculated at a minimum of 18 m ² per person. Increased capacity may be authorized on a case-by-case basis after review of research needs and risk-mitigation plans | Maximum occupancy determined by the Principal Investigator, respecting all provincial, municipal, or institutional requirements |
| Campus access times | Access scheduled 8 a.m.-8 p.m. M-F (except holidays), unless extenuating circumstances demand access at other times (researchers only, not human participants) | Access scheduled 8 a.m.-8 p.m. M-F (except holidays). Weekend access for researchers (not human participants) may be granted for research spaces with large numbers of shared users or specific research demands | Access is normally scheduled 8 a.m.-8 p.m. M-F (except holidays). Weekend access for researchers (not human participants) may be granted for research spaces with large numbers of shared users or specific research demands | Access as required 8 a.m.-11 p.m., seven days per week for authorized research activities, subject to appropriate risk-mitigation strategies, including custodial resources | Access as required 8 a.m.-11 p.m., seven days per week |
| Research Travel | Authorized research with local travel only, subject to local public health guidance; no overnight stays | Authorized research with local travel only, subject to local public health guidance; no overnight stays | Authorized research with domestic travel only, subject to local public health guidance | Authorized research with domestic travel only, subject to local public health guidance | Monitor Global Affairs travel advisories and communications from the Provost's office for guidance regarding international travel |

NOTES:

1. The authorization of research activities is subject to appropriate risk-mitigation strategies. For guidance, consult [Reopening Shared Research Lab Spaces in COVID-19 Pandemic Conditions: General Guidance](#) and (if relevant) [Health, Safety, and Wellness Guidance for In-Person Research with Human Participants under COVID-19 Pandemic Conditions](#).
2. The stages are cumulative, such that an activity that can be authorized at one stage can be authorized at subsequent stages.
3. Researchers are expected to create the conditions to reduce or cease activities on short notice in case COVID-19 conditions worsen.