We hope that you have been staying safe and healthy during the pandemic. As part of Phase 1 Wave 2 of the Medical School Research Reactivation Process, the research ramp-up will include the Microbiome Core located within MSRB-I of the Medical Campus.

As research across campus returns, it is important to understand that in response to COVID-19, operations are required to change in order to bring our employees back to the lab safely. We have updated some of our policies and procedures to reflect the recommended social distancing guidelines.

Core Operations will resume at a reduced capacity starting Monday, June 8th. During this week, workflow operations will resume for backlogged samples.

Standard sample submissions will resume Monday, June 15th. There will be at least two different options for submitting samples to the Microbiome Core:

- Labs located within the main Medical School complex can schedule direct sample drop-offs in 1500 MSRB-I by emailing MicrobiomeCore@umich.edu. There will be a small freezer at the door to place your submissions in to limit contact with the Core staff.

- Labs internal to UM but located in other buildings can schedule a drop-off at the MSRB-I/MSRB-III entry or ship samples directly to the following address:

  UM Microbiome Core
  Rm. 1500 MSRB-I, SPC-5666
  1150 W. Medical Center Drive
  Ann Arbor, MI 48109-5666

  Samples must be placed in a secondary container, such as a small plastic biohazard bag, for handoff to core staff in 1500 MSRB-I. You will need to wear a mask for sample submission. We are working on additional sample drop-off locations and procedures.

Thank you all for your patience and cooperation as we take these initial steps in reopening operations at the University of Michigan Microbiome Core.