



Library External Researcher Protocol - COVID-19

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Purpose:

The continued safety and health remains the priority of the University. UM Libraries will be allowed to welcome external researchers and visitors for Fall 2021 under the protocols described below.

Definition:

Library External Researchers and Visitors are defined as any non-UM researcher requesting permission to conduct research within and/or tour Distinctive Collections housed in UM Libraries during Fall 2021.

Primary Contacts:

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Protocols:

General Items

- All visits to Architecture Research Center collections must be booked a minimum of 24 hours in advance and materials should be requested via email.
- Masks are always required while indoors.
- Physical distancing requirements must be maintained. These are currently set to 2 ft.
- Researchers must complete the [symptom checker survey](#) daily and present the approval screen to the Reading Room attendant at entry.
- Hand sanitizer stations are placed throughout library facilities and frequent hand washing is encouraged.
- No eating or drinking is allowed within library facilities, except for bottled water.
- Failure to comply will lead to revocation of library access permissions.

Covid Vaccination & Testing

Researchers are strongly encouraged to complete COVID vaccination prior to arrival at UM. To be fully vaccinated, you must be at least two weeks past receiving the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

- **If vaccinated:**
 - Please send a scanned copy of your completed vaccination card to the primary contact listed above.
- **If not vaccinated:**
 - Quarantine for a full 7 days upon arrival in Miami before eligible to enter UM.
 - Complete a viral COVID test within 3-5 days of arrival in Miami and send proof of a negative test to the primary contact listed above.
 - All unvaccinated external researchers visiting campus at least twice per week will be required to test through Pavia UScreen weekly.
 - Pavia UScreen is available Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM each week in the ground floor of the [Pavia Garage](#).

COVID Positive or Under Investigation

- Any individual who is showing COVID symptoms is asked to contact the **COVID-19 hotline** at **305-243-ONE-U** and get tested per the protocol. They are to remain quarantined at home until the results of the COVID viral /PCR test are known.
- Any individual with another non-COVID illness must remain at home until 24 hours post-symptom resolution without use of medication.
- Individuals will not be allowed to return to campus until a negative test has been submitted to the primary contact via email, which after clearance, will be allowed to return the next day.
- Any positive individual must quarantine for 10 + 1 days, assuming symptom resolution.
- Positive individuals must participate in UTRACE, the University's contact tracing initiative. UTRACE will identify close contacts associated with any University approved activity. All close contacts will be required to quarantine for 7 days and show proof of a negative PCR test result (via email) prior to return to campus.
- If any person in the researcher's local household tests positive for COVID, the research will be considered a close contact and must remain home in quarantine for 7 days and show proof of a negative PCR test result before returning to campus (via email), unless fully vaccinated (proof of vaccination required).

Physical Access

- **ARC 2nd floor Reading Room hours:** Monday – Friday: 9 am – 4:45 pm
- **ARC 1st floor Library hours:** Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 9 pm ; Friday: 9:00 am – 6 pm; Closed Saturday and Sunday
- **Visitor Parking:** Limited metered visitor parking is available in lots adjacent to the School of Architecture. Additional visitor parking can be found at the Pavia Garage. See the [Visitor Parking](#) page for complete information. The Coral Gables campus is also accessible via the [University Metrorail](#) stop – about a 10 min walk to Richter Library or via campus shuttle.

Daily Symptom Checker QR Code

