

President Stanley establishes COVID-19 Reopening Campus Task Force

As the university discusses safely reopening campus, MSU President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D. has established the COVID-19 Reopening Campus Task Force charged with developing and reviewing a range of scenarios for when and how to resume various on-campus activities.

The task force is chaired by Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Norman Beauchamp and University Physician David Weismantel, and it will bring together a cross-section of campus leaders as needed to ensure a comprehensive re-opening strategy, including:

- Guiding principles for determining when and how to return to on-campus activities safely;
- Criteria to determine the ability of the university to return to some or all on-campus activities safely;
- Guidelines and protocols for units to follow as on-campus activities return;
- List of decisions that apply university-wide and those that can be made at the unit level; and
- Activity plans for returning to on-campus activity.

The task force held its first meeting April 23 and will continue to meet on a regular basis going forward.

“For the health and safety of all our Spartans, it is important we get this right,” Weismantel said. “This process must be strategic, comprehensive and take into account the wide range of possible scenarios that could play out as we move forward. We are on the virus’ timeline, however, that does not mean we should wait for it to start our planning for how and when to re-engage sections of our university in on-campus activities.”