

Department of Genetics Townhall Meeting

18 MAY 2020

General Stuff

- Rules for the meeting:
 - All participants will be muted
 - Send questions using the “CHAT” box in zoom
 - If you wish to ask a question, please unmute and introduce yourself
- Pay attention to updates from the university, the state and the CDC
- Practice social distancing
- Pay special attention to avoid infecting those at risk for serious disease: the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions
- Be kind

Faculty Meetings

- Will continue every other Wednesday at 12pm
- Next meeting on May 20
- Updates for re-opening
- Last week's slides are posted on intranet in Faculty Meetings folder

Highlighted Paper

- TRAF3IP3 negatively regulates cytosolic RNA induced anti-viral signaling by promoting TBK1 K48 ubiquitination. *Nature Comm.* 04 May 2020. Ting – senior author

State of NC Guidance – 5/14 update

- Phase One continues May 8 - May 22
- Measuring progress
 - Sustained leveling or decreased trajectory in COVID-like illness surveillance over 14 days ↓
 - Sustained leveling or decreased trajectory of lab-confirmed cases over 14 days →
 - Sustained leveling or decreased trajectory of tests returning positive over 14 days →
 - Sustained leveling or decreased trajectory in hospitalizations over 14 days →

Survey on Research Ramp Up

- Please complete the OVCR survey on ramping up on-campus research activities – deadline May 20, 5pm
- https://apps2.research.unc.edu/covid_survey/

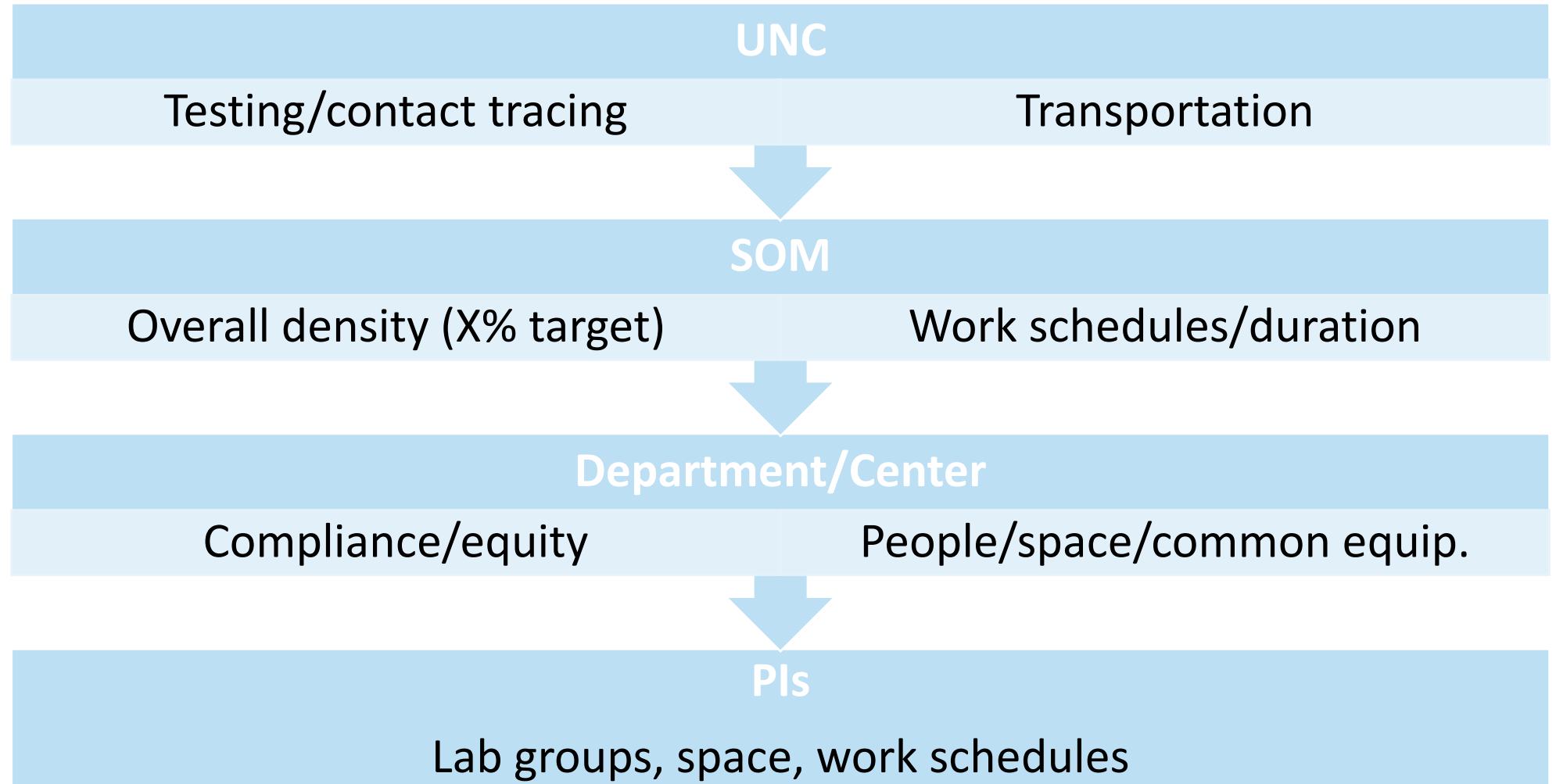
OVCR Biweekly COVID-19 Q&A

- Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research bi-weekly Q&A session for faculty:
 - Today (5/18) at 3pm
 - Zoom details can be found on OVCR website

CDME Status Required to be on Campus

- As part of re-opening plans, faculty/staff/students who continue working remotely will have opportunities to collect personal items from campus
- Department will develop a schedule by lab
- Plan to complete in near future
- Non-CDME faculty/staff/students are not permitted on campus until further notice

Guidance for Re-Opening



Art Competition Reminder

- The Department of Genetics has opened a competition to select an art piece to be located in the newly renovated Emeritus Conference Room (GMB 5094). The format is flexible but the piece should fit in the proposed space. Painting, sculpture, photography, collage, mixed media and other visual arts are welcome. The department seeks a highly original piece and the subject matter has no restrictions, but some connection (formal or subjective) to the mission of the department or its members is welcome. Pieces that are contrary to the values and strategic framework of the UNC School of Medicine (research, education, faculty, diversity-equity-inclusion, service and administration) will be disqualified.
- **ARTIST.** The artist(s) should have a connection to the department. Direct or indirect connections are acceptable (please ask if you qualify). Art pieces with team authorship that includes one or more members of the department will also qualify.
- **DIMENSIONS.** Maximum dimensions for the piece are: 8' tall, 30" wide (including frame if needed) and 14" deep. Size will not impact eligibility for the prize.
- **PRIZE.** A single prize of \$600.00 will be awarded to the winner. The stipulation for the winning piece is that it will be donated to the department for display in the conference room.
- **SUBMISSION PROCESS.** Artists should submit up to three high-quality photographs of the art (suitable for judging) and include the name of the artist, a short paragraph describing the piece, and the dimensions. Please send submissions by email to Cathy Cornett at: Catherine_cornett@med.unc.edu with the title: Art Competition – “last name”
- **REVIEW AND SELECTION.** Photographs of the submitted pieces will be posted online for review for a period of two weeks. The winner will be selected by popular vote of qualified members of the department using a survey tool that will be provided by email.
- **DATES**
 - Submission Window: May 18-June 1, 2020
 - Review Process: June 1-14, 2020
 - Voting Survey: June 15-19, 2020
 - Award: By June 26, 2020

COVID-19 Funding Opportunities

- COVID-19 related funding opportunities of interest to Department of Genetics scientists have been curated and saved to [website intranet folder](#) “COVID-19 Funding Opportunities”. This will be updated on a regular basis so please check back weekly.

Questions??