

MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans and Associate Deans Research

FROM: Dr. Alice B. Aiken, Vice-President Research and Innovation

DATE: Wednesday 8 April 2020

RE: Suspension of fieldwork activities at Dalhousie University

Dear Deans and ADRs,

Please communicate the following information to your PIs who conduct fieldwork.

As you know, in recent weeks steps have been taken by Dalhousie Research and Innovation to meet challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. During this difficult time, our highest priority remains the safety and well-being of our researchers, research staff, trainees and participants.

At this time, it has become necessary to suspend all off-campus fieldwork activities effective April 15, 2020. This includes all field research requiring access to facilities or sites not operated by Dalhousie University (e.g., publicly owned facilities such as parks; privately-owned properties such as farms and/or industrial sites; outdoor marine and aquatic-based research).

As documented in my [Memorandum of Friday 20 March 2020](#), all University campus-based research operations were suspended as of Tuesday 24 March 2020, until further notice. Any questions about exemptions to any of the restrictions should be directed to your Dean and Associate Dean Research.

Please continue to take care of yourselves. Look out for your own health and the health of others. We are here to support you.