We have received a number of questions from researchers about fieldwork scheduled to take place during this time of significant COVID-19 restrictions in Nova Scotia — restrictions that are now set to remain in place for the medium term.

In line with the updated guidance provided for approved on-campus research activities, PIs approved to undertake off-campus fieldwork should note the following:

- **Any activities that can be postponed or delayed should cease until after current restrictions are lifted.** Note that currently, police in Nova Scotia are authorized to enforce orders under the Emergency Management Act which prohibit non-essential travel outside a person's municipality.
- For fieldwork activities that absolutely need to proceed as planned over the next few weeks, adherence to **safety protocols established by the field site authority** is more important than ever and should be emphasized to all personnel *in the strongest possible terms.*
- Provincial orders require wearing a non-medical mask in most indoor public places and some outdoor public places. All fieldwork personnel **must adhere to the masking policy of the relevant field site authority.**
- Fieldwork personnel must travel to and from the field site separately.
- **Please encourage and support your field personnel** to get tested (asymptomatic and symptomatic testing); to get vaccinated if they are eligible; and to volunteer where they are able to.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of all those engaged in the research and innovation enterprise at Dalhousie.