Office for Public Engagement COVID-19 Resources and Updates
The following is a weekly round-up of COVID-19-related community-engaged teaching and learning resources and policies for University faculty, staff, and students. For more info on how to navigate community-based activities during the COVID-19 crises, visit engagement.umn.edu. -

Policy Updates

Current policies regarding community-based activities
Visit the COVID-19 and Community-Based Activities webpage often for updates on policies, recommendations, and resources pertaining to Spring, Summer, and Fall community-based research, teaching, and learning activities. Along with information on policies, the site includes links to key resources for faculty, students, and staff involved in community-engaged activities.

Resources and Opportunities

Strategies for Supporting Community-Engaged Research and Teaching During COVID-19—April 30 through May 26
Join the Office for Public Engagement’s (OPE) continuing series of virtual discussions on conducting community-engaged research and teaching and supporting community partners during COVID-19. All discussions will take place via Zoom. All University faculty, staff, and students systemwide are invited.

Matching community and University resources and needs
The University's Office for Public Engagement has developed two ways for community members and University personnel to connect to share resources and expertise. Making Connections—Making a Difference offers community members and internal stakeholders a way to ask questions and offers ideas about University-community collaborations focused on COVID-19; Connect with a University Partner helps community members connect with University resources on longer-term projects and topics beyond the current pandemic.

U of M Extension: Minnesota's economy and COVID-19
University of Minnesota Extension has released a report summarizing the parts of Minnesota's economy currently most at risk. The report seeks to provide additional clarity for those responding to Minnesota’s present economic issues.

Volunteer opportunities with U of M U-CAN
The University COVID-19 Action Network (U-CAN) is a coalition of willing faculty, staff, and students that are helping to support COVID-19 response, recovery, and resilience efforts. If your unit or department would like to be connected to this effort and be called upon for certain COVID-19 initiatives, please complete the U-CAN Resource Group form where you can also view the units and groups that are willing and able to take on the initiatives.

Supporting Community Partners

U of M technology support for community partners
The Office for Public Engagement's COVID-19 and Community-Based Activities webpage includes information on University-support technology resources that can be accessed by community partners. Resources include accessing the University's WiFi network in sites across the state, Zoom training, and technology troubleshooting.

U-CAN seeks volunteers to help in the production of masks for frontline health workers
The University COVID Action Network (U-CAN) seeks for volunteers with expertise in mask production
and/or sewing from patterns and who have a sewing machine to help with these masks in case the opportunity does come through. To volunteer for this opportunity, please sign up in this spreadsheet.

**The Arc Minnesota Technology Fund for Connection**
The Arc Minnesota Technology Fund for Connection provides technology resources to Minnesotans with disabilities and their parents or guardians. Funds are available for phones, devices, tablets, or other items that help applicants stay connected and safe.

**Community-Engaged Teaching and Learning Resources**

**Invited discussions on experiential instruction**
Join the University’s Center for Educational Innovation for a series of systemwide discussions initiated by Executive Vice President & Provost Croson focused on generating and sharing creative solutions for conducting experiential instruction online. These discussions will bring together faculty, instructors, and TAs systemwide to share ideas, problem-solve together, and provide support.

**U of M Information Technology: Teaching with Technology webinars**
The University’s Academic Technology Support Services is offering a series of webinars to help faculty use technology tools during alternative instruction. A unique set of webinar offerings will be available each week.

**U of M call for course proposals for understanding and responding to pandemics**
Proposals are being accepted by the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost for the development of Summer 2020 courses to explore topics that have emerged in light of the current situation. Courses do not need to be COVID-19 specific and can be rooted in any discipline.

**Need to complete a summer internship or capstone project?**
Until further notice, community-based research and teaching activities offered through Summer 2020 are to move to an alternate, remote form of community partner exchange, or be temporarily suspended or rescheduled through mutual agreement. If you believe you are in a situation in which conducting your community-engaged activity remotely (or having to suspend it altogether) will have a serious, irreparable, detrimental effect on you or your community partner, you can submit a petition to receive an exemption to the University's current "remote-only" policy. For exemptions related to health-focused internships, clinical work, and community-engaged research, contact the Office of Clinical Affairs at clinicalaffairs@umn.edu. For exemptions related to non-health-focused internships, community-engaged research, or other community-based activities, submit this form.

**Community-Engaged Research Resources**

**U of M SPARC/U-CAN Collision Incubator: Federal agency proposal requests for COVID-19 related research**—Thursday, April 30
Many federal agencies have issued special requests for proposals for research or have modified existing ones to incorporate COVID-19 related work. The University COVID Action Network (U-CAN) under the Strategic Partnerships and Research Collaborative (SPARC) will host a Zoom Collision Incubator Event on Thursday, April 30 from 2-3:00 pm to highlight three opportunities. The Collision Incubator will review the requirements of these opportunities and strategies for crafting successful proposals. Attendees will have the opportunity to brainstorm ideas and seek potential partners for interdisciplinary teams.

**U of M Office of the Vice President for Research**—Deadline: Thursday, April 30
This grants program aims to catalyze and energize small-scale research projects designed to address and mitigate the risk associated with the coronavirus pandemic, including cascading impacts in communities. Researchers outside of the U of M Medical School are strongly encouraged to apply.

**WFMN COVID-19 Women and Girls Response Fund** — Deadline: Friday, May 8
The Women's Foundation of Minnesota seeks grant proposals from organizations and initiatives serving women and girls experiencing gender-based violence, older women, women and girls who need short-term financial support for everyday needs due to the effects of COVID-19.

**U of M CTSI COVID-19 Rapid Response funding** — Deadline: Friday, May 22
The Child Health COVID-19 Rapid Response Program seeks proposals for novel studies stemming from COVID-19 that affect child or adolescent health, with research teams including investigators from the University of Minnesota and Children's Minnesota.

**Other Events and Deadlines**
April 28 U of M Extension Resources for Community Leaders Webinar
Additional Resources

*Minnesota Daily highlights work of community-engaged scholars during COVID-19*
A Monday, April 27 story in the *Minnesota Daily* features the University's Office for Public Engagement's (OPE) system-wide online conversations and the work of community-engaged scholars and staff during the current health crisis. For more information and to sign up for OPE's *Strategies for Supporting Community-Engaged Research and Teaching During COVID-19* virtual discussions, visit the conversation's registration page.

*U of M Training Hub Information Security Awareness Course*
The University's Training Hub Information Security Awareness Securely Working from Home course provides resources and information on working remotely securely. The course contains videos on creating a cyber secure home, passwords, and social engineering. U of M login is required.

*U of M Extension Two for You Stress Series*
Extension Educators Lori Rothstein and Denise Stromme have created the Two for You Stress Series to provide tips and strategies for improving well-being. Based on positive psychology research, the Stress Series is designed to help live and lead with positive intention.

*Food Insecurity: resources for students*
The *Nutritious U Food Pantry* will be offering food to students Monday through Friday at Coffman Memorial Union for the remainder of the semester. Students in need can request a bag of groceries and choose their pick-up time using the Food Pantry ordering form. Students who are in self-quarantine and unable to leave their homes can request delivery. Delivery is only available for students who live in the following zip codes: 55455, 55454, 55414, or 55108.

*Minnesota Campus Compact Slack Channel*
Minnesota Campus Compact is offering a new platform for members campuses in Iowa and Minnesota to connect, but are overwhelmed by email and Zoom. Slack is an online platform for discussion, sharing, and connection. Join the Slack channel here.

*Student work opportunity-N95 alternative mask production project*
Students are invited to be a participant in a project to produce thousands of N95 Alternative Masks. This COVID-19 mask project is a collaboration between an amazing team from the College of Design, Mechanical Engineering, Chemistry and the Medical School. Students will be hired as temporary employees at a rate of $12.50/hour.

For additional information about engagement-related activities, please visit engagement.umn.edu.

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