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**OFFICE FOR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

**April 13, 2020**

**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 scholars, staff, and students.

**General COVID-19 Resources**

**Navigating community-based activities during the COVID-19 health emergency**

The University’s Office for Public Engagement in consultation with the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost and the Center for Community-Engaged Learning has created a COVID-19 and Community-Based Activities webpage containing recommendations and resources to help community-engaged students, faculty, and staff navigate community-based research and field-based educational activities during the current pandemic.

**Join the University COVID Action Network’s (U-CAN) volunteer program**

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**Policy Updates**

**U of M Public Health Alerts**

For the latest in University of Minnesota's COVID-19-related operational updates and President Gabel's messages, visit the Safe Campus website's Public Health Alert's page. For inspiring stories and supporting information on University activities during the crises, visit University Relations' COVID-19: Stories, Insights, Expertise mini site.

**Summer Session Community-Based Research, Teaching, and Learning Activities**

The current "distance-only" policy for site-based community-engaged activities has been extended through the summer, until further notice. Except for site-based activities that are officially designated as COVID-19 support initiatives, all University-sponsored community-based activities that are conducted either for credit or are connected to academic programming must be conducted through alternative, remote, or "distance" modalities. Individuals may file a petition to receive an exemption to this policy if conducting the activities remotely will have serious, irreparable, or detrimental effects on the individual or the community partner. More information on the exemption process can be found on the Office for Public Engagement's COVID-19 webpage under "Policy Exemptions."

**Supporting Community Partners**

**Strategies for Leading and Sustaining Community Partnerships during COVID-19:** Featuring the U of M Public Engagement Network and members of the Campus-Community Liaison Council—1:00 p.m. Friday, April 22

Join us for the University's Office for Public Engagement virtual discussion on ways to continue to support community partnerships during COVID-19. [RSVP](#) by April 20 to receive the ZOOM link.

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**U of M PHDR offers list of resources in response to COVID-19**

The University’s Program in Health Disparities Research has developed a list of resources in a variety of formats for community members in response to the COVID-19 health emergency. Program staff are actively building the resources list and request information on additional resources be emailed to [phdr@umn.edu](mailto:phdr@umn.edu).
Resources for Small Businesses
The University of Minnesota’s Holmes Center for Entrepreneurship has shared the State of Minnesota’s Employment and Economic Development’s "Guide for Minnesota Small Businesses Who Need Help."

Community-Engaged Teaching and Learning Resources

Community-Engaged Teaching Strategies during COVID-19 — 1:00 p.m. Friday, April 17
The University's Office for Public Engagement is hosting a discussion on community engaged-teaching strategies during COVID-19. RSVP by April 15 to receive the ZOOM link. Introductory Comments from Rachel Croson, Executive Vice President and Provost.

Community-Engaged Research Resources

Community-Engaged Research Strategies during COVID-19 — 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 17
Join us for a system-wide discussion on community engaged-research during COVID-19, hosted by the University's Office for Public Engagement. RSVP by April 15 to receive the ZOOM link. Introductory Comments from Rachel Croson, Executive Vice President and Provost.

Leveraging Our Community-Engaged Research: Policy Change and Community Development — 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21
As the current health crisis is likely to intensify existing inequalities, it's more important than ever to use proven and tested community-engaged tools for positive change. Sponsored by the University's Office for Public Engagement, this live group conversation will explore the pathways for utilizing research to create change.

Funding for COVID-19 related research
The University COVID Action Network (U-CAN) hosts a webpage listing various COVID-19 internal and external funding opportunities.

Health Food, Healthy Lives Institute research funding
The Healthy Food, Healthy Lives Institute invites research proposals that support increased food safety and the resilience of food supply chains during disruptions such as global pandemics like COVID-19. Contact hfhl@umn.edu for more information.

Other Events and Deadlines

April 15 U of M Bakken Center for Spirituality and Healing: Pathways to Resilience During Times of Change
April 15 U of M School of Public Health's Midweek Virtual Lunch
April 17 U of M School of Public Health's Health in All Matters Podcast Episode 5: Unequal Outcomes
April 17 U of M Center for Practice Transformation Supporting Addiction Recovery During Covid-19
April 17 National Society for Experiential Education Conversations: Student Employees during COVID-19
April 22 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Foundation Responsive COVID-19 Grants Round 2 Deadline

Additional Resources

Hennepin County Library eCards
Hennepin County now has library eCards available for residents and business owners. Ecards can be used to download ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and videos; use the library's databases to access services that support employment, personal and professional development, and research; and, access online tutors and homework help. Individuals do not need to have a current Hennepin County library card in order to apply for an eCard.

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