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All—

Great ideas. Gary... I particularly like the terminology you've used of "research continuity" meetings... and fully admit I'm going to steal that phrase!

We've been getting together informally like Cass mentioned for open Q&As—but beginning next week, we are planning to focus these WebEx meetings around our four Grand Challenge areas (i.e., health, environment, energy/ag, and security). We are hopeful this will reinforce our commitment to those research thrusts as we come out of this, and at the same time lead to some more common conversations. For example, we anticipate the health thrust is more likely to want to talk and ask questions about NIH... while the environmental research thrust wants to talk about how are we going to handle field-work in Yellowstone this summer (which we don't have good plan for yet, but are developing some potential "mitigation" strategies if park is willing to work with us). Also planning to add a "fifth" WebEx specifically for HASS researchers. Even though they fit within our Four Grand Challenges... they sometimes feel there aren't great fits with the conversations, and we believe they will appreciate the additional time.

We have not completely shut down... but have gone to "modified operations" with only about 15-20% of labs being ORC approved "essential" and continuing in a much reduced and mitigated manner.

Thanks to all for sharing the creative ideas. And thanks Mark for continuing to get these conversation going. Wishing you all safety and health.

-jc

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