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Update on CSE's gradual reopening

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Dear CSE faculty and staff colleagues,

As the University of Minnesota and other organizations across the State of Minnesota gradually reopen, I want to update you on how the College of Science and Engineering is resuming certain on-campus activities.

We continue to implement our research sunrise, and we now have more than 1,000 CSE colleagues working in research labs under appropriate safety protocols. As you know, we are engaged in University-wide planning for the resumption of some on-campus instruction in the fall, and the University will even have a limited number of small courses on campus in July. Certain on-campus events with approved safety plans and necessary domestic travel are also possible with appropriate approvals.

These exciting developments occur under the University's Sunrise Plan. President Gabel also ended the University's period of Extended Reduced Operations on June 22. With these welcome steps toward reopening, it is critical to remain mindful of [Governor Walz's Stay Safe Minnesota Executive Order \(PDF\)](#), which states: "Any worker who can work from home must do so."

Requests for CSE faculty and staff to return to work on campus continue to require my approval or that of Associate Dean Joe Konstan if related to research. The request form can be found on the [University's Sunrise Plan website](#), and the threshold for obtaining approval remains high, per the Governor's executive order.

If you need to make a quick visit to campus, for example to retrieve an item, you may make such a trip with supervisor and department approval and while observing strict social distancing and hygiene protocols, but you may not work on campus unless you have formal approval from me or Associate Dean Konstan.

I appreciate everyone's hard work and understanding as we together navigate the many challenges associated with gradually returning our operations to normal. The process will not be fast, nor will we have the luxury of a smooth, direct path from here to there, but the last few months have demonstrated what I already knew—that the CSE community is up to the challenge. I will periodically update you as we pass important milestones along the way.

Sincerely,

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