Status Update: July 24, 2020

As events related to COVID-19 continue to unfold, I wanted to provide an update on our status. Charles River remains operational across all sites, adapting to developments as they occur. We are still monitoring the outbreak with our internal and external experts and assessing the impact on employee safety and business operations. Our locations around the world are doing an excellent job of providing protection for their employees while still meeting clients’ needs for research products and services.

While governments at various levels have begun implementing a “return to business,” we recognize the risk of infection remains present, and in some locations, cases are increasing. To help prevent the spread of the virus while maintaining continued operations during this period, the following safety measures remain in place:

- Employees work from home when possible
- Strict visitor policies
- Restrictions on all non-essential business travel
- Modified employee work schedules to create “time and distance” and separation of staff
- Physical distancing practices
- Enhanced daily cleaning of common touch points (doorknobs, break areas, etc.)
- Reminders of good hygiene practices
- Face coverings are required for employees and visitors with applicable government guidance
- Employee self-monitoring for illness symptoms
- Tracking and contact tracing of COVID-19 cases
- Return to work and self-quarantine guideline documents

Our global and site Business Continuity Plans are active, up to date, and helping our site-based operations, as well as associated logistics and support, to continue to meet our clients’ needs for planned and new projects, including work supporting COVID-19 research efforts.

For the latest business continuity updates, visit our COVID-19 web page. For continued learning, our digital education page has many helpful resources for researchers. If you have any other questions, please reach out to me or your usual Charles River contact.

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