



*The Florida State University*  
Diving Control Board

**REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF DIVING OPERATIONS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The following are considered mandatory requirements for diving operations during the covid-19 pandemic as of the date of this document. Additional measures may be required by the DCB based upon specific characteristics of the planned operations, environmental conditions, current community public health situation, or further guidance from the University.

Principal investigators seeking special permission to dive during the suspension of normal diving operations should submit dive plans by following the protocol below:

- 1) Complete a dive plan with the assistance of the Diving Safety Officer.
- 2) Submit the dive plan to the Diving Control Board, and receive its approval and verification that the diving activity aligns with the University's research mission and warrants the additional risk of operation during the pandemic.

All approvals by the DCB will be contingent on the safe feasibility of the proposed activity under the current conditions and are subject to change as events dictate. No dive plan will be considered for approval by the Diving Control Board except under the following conditions:

- Each member of the dive team must submit a signed copy of the Academic Diving Program Statement of Understanding: COVID-19 Exposure Control and agree to abide by the Exposure Control Guidelines for Diving Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- The dive plan for the specific task must include measures approved by the DCB for emergency procedures including confirmed access to medical support and hyperbaric chamber.