

Protecting University IP and safely utilising building capacity during COVID-19

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Research has been key to Universities for centuries, Covid-19 has presented issues in continuing business as usual research due to lab closures whilst at the same time presenting interesting new opportunities to work with the virus on testing and vaccines. The speed of the world changing has meant the usual IP approaches may not be possible, they have to change and adapt, the same is true of the physical lab environments. As Universities look to utilise their labs and bring staff and students back to campus, whilst potentially continuing with at home study and research, what are the key IP issues to consider and associated health and safety aspects?

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- What are the IP ownership risks of working from home and outside usual hours?
- How does the usual IP approach of many Universities interact with the speed of the COVID-19 research world?
- If the labs re-open what are the key Covid-19 related H & S considerations the University must address before students and staff return?
- In particular what risks are presented by premises , equipment and operations
- How will the University keep Covid-19 health and risks under review including the obligation report to HSE where there is reasonable evidence that employee illness or infection is work related

Your speakers are [Selina Hinchliffe](#), a Partner experienced in advising higher education in respect of research, innovation and IP and, [Andrew Hopkin](#), a Partner in our specialist Criminal Compliance and Regulatory team.



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