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

The following are considered the minimum mandatory requirements as of the date of this document. Additional measures may be required by the Diving Safety Board (DSB) based upon specific characteristics of the planned operations, environmental conditions, current community public health situation, or further guidance from the University.

Principal investigators seeking permission to dive during the COVID-19 Pandemic should submit dive plans by the following protocol below:

1) Complete a dive plan with the assistance of the Diving Safety Officer.
2) Submit the dive plan to the DSO for approval by the Diving Safety Board.

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

1) Each member of the dive team must submit a signed copy of the UF Diving Science and Safety Program Statement of Understanding: COVID-19 UF Diving Operations and agree to abide by the Operational Guidance and Requirements relating to UF Dive Operations during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
2) The dive plan for the specific task must include measures approved by the DSB for emergency procedures including confirmed access to medical support and hyperbaric chamber.