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Greetings Facilities Management Team,

Last week, Assistant Director Dan Kozlowski of FM's Remodel and Construction Services (RCS) shared with me that "one of the best things of being part of the FM team with RCS is learning more about what the occupants are *actually* doing in the spaces we create and support." In these daily communications, I have tried to call attention to the diversity of roles that FM employees have, and how each one supports a wide spectrum of CSU spaces and services. Yet Dan's observation points out that sometimes we may not know the breadth of meaningful research, teaching, learning, counseling, and other resources that occur in those spaces that we have helped to design, build, maintain, and clean. Did you know that CSU is currently progressing several research missions related to vaccine development, some of which are leading the charge and making national headlines? Below are a few articles that offer interesting perspectives about what is happening here at CSU—and consequently, how we as Facilities Management professionals support such a critical mission!

- <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/colorado/articles/2020-03-14/inside-the-colorado-lab-trying-to-develop-a-covid-19-vaccine>
- <https://denver.cbslocal.com/2020/04/09/colorado-state-university-researchers-coronavirus-vaccine/>
- <https://source.colostate.edu/csu-researchers-part-of-national-search-for-coronavirus-vaccine/>
- <https://www.cpr.org/2020/03/11/csu-researchers-are-working-full-bore-on-the-mysteries-of-coronavirus-and-a-vaccine/>

In fact, RCS has been fortunate to have significant critical projects moving them forward, directly enabling their efforts. For instance, they have been asked for electrical modifications and enhancements to support COVID-19 testing equipment. Also, they have engaged in meaningful discussions with the Vice President for Research about future COVID research and facility needs. They have even seen their past laboratory renovation work used within the Research Innovation Center contributing to the goal of ending this pandemic. It is truly an honor for all of us in FM to be a part of such an important mission and purpose. Being a RAM implies much more than we sometimes realize.

Sincerely,



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