



# The 'Double Helix Digest'

## GGC Operational Modifications During COVID-19

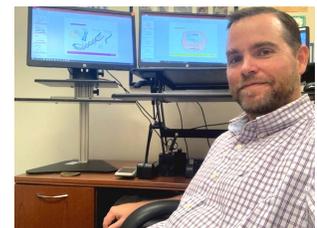
**Hello to all of our GGC friends!**

We hope each of you is well and safe as we all pull together, although separately, to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Our usual 'Double Helix Digest' newsletter is a bit different this month. We wanted to update our friends and supporters on how GGC is responding to the current pandemic - keeping our patients and employees safe, while continuing to provide necessary services for the families who depend on us.

The Greenwood Genetic Center has made significant operational changes, but remains open to serve our patients and families during this challenging time. Employees who can work from home are doing so, and those who must be in the office are working on staggered shifts and are practicing social distancing.

**Patient appointments** are being handled virtually through [telegenetics](#) visits from the provider's home offices to the patient's home. While GGC has been offering telegenetics on a smaller scale since 2016, this has been a new endeavor for many of our clinicians. Their flexibility and dedication in handling these new challenges has been inspiring!



Our **Diagnostic Laboratories** remain open, and turnaround times have not been impacted. Samples are being collected through saliva swab kits sent directly to patient homes. Genetic disorders do not take a break during times like these, and our lab directors and technologists are providing those much needed answers, even in the midst of a quarantine!

While the pace of **Research** has slowed, critical projects are proceeding. Our scientists are also planning future studies and are catching up on writing and publishing. The zebrafish are doing well and are oblivious to the disruption in their caretakers daily lives!





While schools remain closed across SC, there are no Gene Machine or Helix Express trips, and field trips have been canceled. But our **Education** team is busily preparing for summer events including our teachers' course and high school camp, in hopes that those activities can go on as planned. They are also working on some ideas to virtually celebrate National DNA Day during the entire month of April! Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see what they've been up to!

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We would also like to thank some of our team members who don't always make the headlines or newsletters, but are invaluable to our health, safety, and continued productivity.

Our IT Team, **Reggie Gilbert, Blake Johnson, Logan Bautista, and Colby Turner**, are working tirelessly to ease the transition to telecommuting and telegenetics for so many of us. They are keeping us connected - to each other and to our patients.

Our Facilities and Maintenance Team, **Jim Kelly, Rick Waller, Cody Jeter, Jackie Satterwhite, Carolyn Stevens, Kim Wakefield, and Stacey Bush** are helping keep our buildings safe and common areas disinfected.

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You can access GGC's up-to-date info on COVID-19 and its impact on our operations [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support of GGC, and we wish you and your family good health!

- Team GGC



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We hope you are enjoying this monthly look at GGC news!

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