In the midst of the uncertainty of the past two months, Pierce Cedar Creek Institute’s staff and Board of Trustees have focused their efforts on our summer research program and providing college students a research experience, despite the coronavirus. With hard work, especially from Matt Dykstra, our Field Station Manager, we have implemented a series of precautions to allow these students to participate in the program. While their experience will certainly be different from that of past researchers, at least they will have an experience, for which we are all extremely grateful.

Protecting the health and safety of these students and our staff is now our primary goal. Because of this, we have decided not to open Institute buildings to the public quite yet despite the governor’s most recent executive order, which allows indoor gatherings of up to 10 and outdoor gatherings of up to 100 while keeping all the precautions of earlier phases, such as social distancing, disinfecting areas regularly, and wearing masks, in place.

Over the coming weeks, we will continue working in preparation for the day we can open our buildings to the public and can offer in-person programs. We will notify you, our supporters and friends, when we feel we are able to open safely. In the meantime, please enjoy our trails and our virtual programs listed on the Events page.