

Coronavirus Research Restart

The IRB is now accepting proposals from researchers who want to restart previously paused in person studies and new in person studies. All protocols that propose in person studies must detail how this is to be accomplished and follow the guidelines of the university and the CDC.

The following must be addressed: 1. Visitors to campus must comply with the regulations of the university, namely completing the COVID self-assessment, wearing masks, maintaining social distancing. 2. If appropriate and you plan to take temperatures, how will this be done and records kept? 3. How will you maintain privacy and confidentiality of the participants COVID data? 4. If appropriate, how will you sanitize and clean surfaces? How often will this be done? 5. What will be done if a researcher, student assistant, participant are not feeling well on the day of the interview or testing? 6. What will be done if a researcher, student assistant, participant tests positive? 7. If social distancing cannot be done, how will this be managed? 8. What do you need in terms of supplies, cleaning and/or PPEs?

This is not an exhaustive list, and more (or less) could be necessary depending on specific studies and the vulnerability of the participants.

The IRB is here to discuss your research restart with you.