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# **UMSON Human Subjects Research Update**

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# Our Topics

- Guidance from Campus
- Considerations and Assessments
- UMSON Implementation
- Questions and Discussion

# Guidance from President Jarrell (1/6/22)

- Current research programs may continue but are encouraged to shift to remote research activities where possible.
- New projects should be carefully evaluated and considered for postponement.
- This may involve many considerations, including degree completion for graduate students.

# Additional Guidance from HRPO (1/6/22)

- Deceleration of new projects
- Decelerate aggressive enrollment in current research projects
- Minimize direct contact and move to remote whatever possible

# Considerations (HRPO 1/6/22)

- Safety of participants
- Safety of staff
- Impact on research locations
- Impact on clinical care or other site staff
- Capacity to effectively conduct research activities

# PI Self-Assessment – HRPO 1/6/22

- Importance of continuing protocol during this period?
- Need to discuss continuation with sponsors and supervisors?
- Would interruption of enrollment/research activities negatively affect the rights or welfare of potential or established research subjects?
- Can any of the research procedures be conducted virtually?
- Do I have a plan for verifying vaccination of research subjects?

# PI Self-Assessment

(in consultation with research sites)

- Adequate staff with appropriate expertise, as required for the research
- Availability of PPE, consistent with the needs of the research activities
- Availability of COVID-19 testing for research personnel
- Conditions under which the research may need to be paused
- Can some or all activities move to virtual

# Principles for UMSON Implementation

- No research burden on clinical or community partners
- Space for social distancing / minimize close contact
- PPE requirements – KN95 (or N95 masks) for researchers and research participants (unless more stringent requirements by research site); use face shields for aerosol protection PRN
- Use substitute staff if usual staff unwell/quarantined
- Do not call the UMB COVID-19 hotline unless on campus last 3 days or within next 10 days
- Consider requesting proof of vaccination from research participants
- Consider IRB modifications if required



# PPE Availability

- KN95 masks are available at the door of the building for use of research participants entering the UMSON
- Please respond to e-mail from ORS to estimate the number of KN95 masks you will need for the next 8 weeks
- Expect to include cost of PPE in supplies required for future research proposals

# Questions/Discussion

Additional questions or consultation

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