Our Topics

- Guidance from Campus
- Considerations and Assessments
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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
• 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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