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COVID-19 Screening Process and Questions for On-site Research Studies

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Consistent with university-wide policies and requirements for pandemic safety and preparedness, all individuals who are scheduled to come on site at CMU to participate in research studies *or accompany someone who is to participate in research studies* (e.g. parents or caregivers accompanying subject participants) should be screened using the questions below.

Screening questions must be administered at the time of the study. Whenever possible, questions should also be administered prior to the study, such as during the time of scheduling. Individual responses to questions should not be recorded. However, the overall outcome of the screening (pass/fail) may be recorded as part of the study administration.

If the participant or accompanying individual answers affirmatively to any of the questions below, the visit should be postponed until the indicated reschedule/return criteria are satisfied. If already on-site, the participant and/or accompanying individual should be advised to return home immediately.

Screening Questions:

1. Are you experiencing any of the following symptoms that are not due to any pre-existing conditions or otherwise typical for you?

Symptoms: Fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, muscle aches, diarrhea, severe fatigue, nasal congestion, loss of sense of taste/smell

Answer yes if you are experiencing any of the above symptoms and they are not attributable to pre-existing conditions or otherwise typical (for example, due to seasonal allergies etc.).

Reschedule/return criteria: Symptom free for at least 24 hrs, including resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications.

2. In the last 14 days, have you had a positive diagnosis of COVID-19?

Answer yes if, in the last 14 days, you have received a positive diagnosis for COVID-19.

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Reschedule/return criteria:

- If positive diagnosis with symptoms: at least 14 days since the onset of symptoms and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and with improvement of other symptoms.
 - If positive diagnosis without symptoms: at least 14 days since the first positive diagnosis.
3. If you are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (2 weeks after your final vaccine shot), have you had a known exposure to someone infected with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

Note: Do not directly ask participants or those who accompany them to indicate their vaccination status. Frame the question as indicated above and guide them on how to respond as below. If a participant volunteers their vaccination status, do not record it.

Answer no if you are fully vaccinated OR you have not had a known exposure to someone infected with COVID-19.

Answer yes if you are not fully vaccinated AND you have been in close contact (within six feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone known to have COVID-19 or have been told by a public health official or employer that you may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Reschedule/return criteria: at least 14 days since known exposure without any symptoms that may be attributed to COVID-19.