

Carnegie Mellon University

COVID-19 Related Information for Participants in On-site Research Studies

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Note: For the purposes of these guidelines, “participants” include those who are the subjects of research studies and anyone who accompanies them on-site, such as parents and caregivers.

General Information Regarding COVID-19:

COVID-19 is a contagious and potentially deadly respiratory virus spread by respiratory droplets, mainly from person-to-person. This can happen between people who are in close contact with one another. It is also possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object (such as a doorknob or counter surface) that has the virus on it, then touching their mouth, nose or eyes.

It is important to understand that since study participation may include increased travel outside of your home and increased exposure to others, it may increase your exposure to COVID-19.

What steps are being taken to mitigate risk of exposure?

CMU is taking several steps to mitigate the risk of exposure and transmission of COVID-19, including:

- Enhanced cleaning protocols in laboratories and common areas, including in the facility you will be participating in research activities
- Minimizing the density of non-essential personnel on campus
- Minimizing the local density of individuals allowed in labs or facilities on campus
- Requiring facial coverings be worn by everyone on CMU premises
- Requiring that physical distancing be maintained wherever possible

What to expect leading up to and during your participation in a research study:

- Prior to coming on site and again upon arrival, you will be asked questions to determine your potential exposure to COVID-19. Your answers to these questions may require you to cancel or postpone your visit. Similarly, if a researcher perceives that you may be exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, they may elect to postpone or terminate the study.
- As you arrive on site, you **may** be subject to a temperature screening before entering a facility or certain parts of a facility.
- While on site you will be directed and expected to:
 - Maintain physical distancing wherever possible.
 - Wear a facial covering at all times, unless directed to remove it by your research host. We encourage all participants to bring their own facial covering. However, if you do not have a facial covering, you will be provided one. (Note that children under the age of 2 or adults with a documented medical condition are exempt. Adults with medical exemptions should bring documentation with them.)