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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. These questions should be asked at the time of scheduling a visit and again on the day of the visit, prior to commencing any research.

Screening questions should be administered verbally, either via phone or in-person. Questions administered in-person on the day of the visit should be done in a socially distanced manner in the area(s) specified in an approved research plan. Individual responses to questions should not be recorded. However, the overall outcome of the screening (pass/fail) should be recorded as part of the facility entrance/exit log, along with the name of the person administering the screening.

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 provided with a facial covering (if needed) and advised to return home immediately.

Screening Questions:

1. Are you experiencing symptoms that might be attributed to COVID-19?

Answer yes if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms that cannot be attributed to another known health condition: New shortness of breath, cough, sore throat, fever over 100°F or sense of having a fever, sweating, chills, any loss of taste or smell, unexplained muscle aches, nausea, or diarrhea.

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 or known exposure to COVID-19?

Answer yes if, in the last 14 days, you have received a positive diagnosis for COVID-19, been in close contact (within six feet for more than 15 minutes) with someone

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known to have COVID-19, have been told by a public health official or employer that you may have been exposed to COVID-19 or have anyone in your household showing COVID-19 symptoms.

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

3. In the last 14 days, have you traveled outside of the Commonwealth of PA?

Reschedule/return criteria: At least 14 days since returning from outside of the Commonwealth.