



Friday, March 20, 2020

Dear Researcher,

You are receiving this message because you have an approved human subjects research protocol. In light of new guidance at the state and national level, all in-person research interactions must cease immediately. *Only research that is essential to the health of the participant may continue to include in-person interactions*. This notice applies to all research conducted within the U.S. and abroad.

If your approved protocol involves in-person interactions:

- You may modify your procedures to continue your research and remotely interact with subjects using telephone or internet means.
- If you cannot modify your research to eliminate in-person contact, you must put your research on hold. Pausing research does not require an IRB amendment or other notification.

If you choose to make risk-reducing changes by eliminating in-person contact, you may do so immediately without waiting for CPHS approval. You must still submit a protocol amendment and, if you change your protocol prior to CPHS review and approval, submit a deviation report to CPHS/OPHS as soon as you can. Any infection-reducing deviations will be viewed as minor.

Please be aware that this notice supersedes the [letter](#) sent out on Friday, 3/13/20.

Should you have questions or need more information, please contact OPHS at [ophs@berkeley.edu](mailto:ophs@berkeley.edu). Keep in mind that all staff are working from home and are not readily available by phone.

Thank you for doing your part to keep UC Berkeley research subjects and the greater community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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