**Recommendations to**

**Reduce the Risk of COVID-19**

**for In-person Research Interventions or Materials Drop Off**

The IRB makes approval decisions by weighing the risks and benefits of each study on a case-by-case basis. The template language here was prepared using CDC guidance currently available, to assist researchers in describing (in both the research protocol and informed consent) measures to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. Researchers should modify procedures during the study as needed to reduce risks to participants and to ensure that current CDC guidelines are followed.

*Suggested Template Language for Protocol AND Informed Consent*

The following steps are being taken to address the risk of coronavirus infection:

**Screening:** Researchers and participants who show potential symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, etc.) will NOT participate in this study at this time.

**Physical distancing:** Whenever possible, we will maintain at least 6 feet of distance between persons while conducting the study.

**Mask/Covering:** Researchers will wear and participants (SELECT ONE) [  ] will be advised or [  ] will be required to shield their mouth and nose with a cloth face cover or mask during the study, even when maintaining at least 6 feet of distance. Tissues will be available to cover coughs and sneezes.

**Handwashing:** Researchers and participants will wash hands before/during (activity) or use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

**Disinfecting materials:** When feasible, researchers will clean and disinfect surfaces between participants, using an EPA-registered disinfectant or a bleach solution (5 tablespoons of regular bleach per gallon of water) for hard materials and by laundering soft materials. Disinfected materials will be handled using gloves, paper towel, plastic wrap or storage bags to reduce the chance of re-contamination of materials.

##### Electronics: Alcohol-based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol will be used to disinfect shared touch screens, mice, keyboards, etc. Surfaces will be dried to avoid pooling of liquids.

For additional information, see CDC/EPA guidance at:

* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
* Disinfection recommendations EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2> and/or PDF List N: Products with Emerging Viral Pathogens & Human Coronavirus