

February 15, 2021

Re: Human subject research and COVID-19 situation

Dear Colleagues,

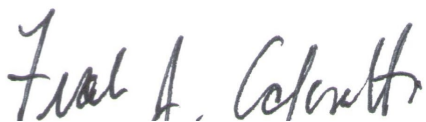
The health and safety of our University of Toledo and regional communities continues to be top priority during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an update on my prior letters regarding temporary restrictions on human subject research.

On January 4, 2021, I reinstated the pause on non-essential face-to-face research with human subjects that taking place outside of medical setting. Human subject research in medical settings (e.g., hospital, clinic, dental office, etc.) is NOT paused.

Due to the downward trend of COVID-19 in Lucas County and evidence that appropriate safety precautions appear effective, **beginning immediately, an exception to the pause on non-essential face-to-face research taking place in a non-medical setting may be requested** for each effected protocol by principal investigators. Each protocol PI must submit an FYI xform to the IRB with the request with details such as additional precautions to prevent transmission of COVID-19. If the request is approved by the IRB, the face-to-face research may resume for the protocol.

Please see the [COVID-19 website \(Research Guidance\)](#) webpage for more information. This decision will be periodically reevaluated.

Sincerely,



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