

CFREB and CHREB COVID-19 Guidance September 9 2021

The [CFREB](#) and [CHREB](#) continue to advise investigators to consider minimizing personal contacts in study protocols where possible, including lab visits or trips into clinics and hospitals. Where in-person participant interactions can be reduced or replaced with telephone or online communication, this should be considered.

New participant consents or consent addendums should continue to include the COVID-19 risks. The risk description can reflect the research risk in the fluid context of what is happening (i.e., with surging cases, the risk is higher, with low or no cases, the risk is low/negligible). If both situations are reflected in the description, there will be no need to modify consents when the pandemic abates.

All disinfection protocols should continue to be implemented and Personal Protective Equipment worn by research staff should be commensurate with the risk associated with the level of interaction (e.g., facemasks only, procedural facemasks, masks and shields, masks, shields, gowns/aprons) and in accordance with current UC and AHS requirements.

In order to be in-person on a UCalgary campus, students, faculty and staff are required to either confirm they are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 or participate in UCalgary's rapid testing program and obtain a negative test result. Visitors to campus, including participants, are also expected to comply with the university program.

For more information about CovidSafe Campus, visit <https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/covid-19-response/return-campus-safety>.