

CSUSB IRB Application COVID-19 Related Questions

Investigators must address how participants will be protected (PPE, sanitizing, humidifiers, be outdoors when possible, social distancing, etc.) and following questions will be asked on the IRB application and will be considered when determining IRB approval:

1. What specific health risk related to COVID-19 do you anticipate participants would be exposed to when participating in your research, and what measures will be taken to reduce their health risk of participating in your research?
2. How will social distancing be maintained between researcher and participants as well as among participants when applicable?
3. What process will be used for contact tracing (i.e., track all individuals you come in contact with during research activities in a log in case an exposure occurs, researcher is responsible for informing participants if they have been exposed to COVID-19 and to follow [CDC guidelines](#) for quarantining)?
4. What process will be used for screening researchers and participants for COVID-19 (e.g., CSUSB's [COVID-19 Daily Health](#) screening, using other screening questionnaires)?
5. What procedures will be followed to [decontaminate](#) hard surfaces, research equipment, soft surfaces, clothing, and personal protective equipment (PPE)?
6. Will other measures be taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19 within research spaces (e.g., [face coverings](#), improving ventilation, opening outside doors and windows to increase air circulation, conducting research in larger spaces, using sneeze guards to separate people)?
7. If your research poses risks to individuals with lung, heart, clotting, or other health consequences associated with COVID-19, what measures will you take to reduce those risks (e.g., excluding participants who were previously diagnosed with COVID-19)?