**Previous Announcements COVID-19**

**IRB: In-Person Research Restart Plan Announcement; 4-12-2021, 9:00AM**

The IRB will be accepting new applications or modifications of applications to conduct in-person research during the summer months. If you can still perform your research virtually, you are highly encouraged to continue to do so. **In addition to IRB approval, ALL research must be approved by the university. Please consult additional university requirements beyond IRB's human subjects concerns from the Academic Research** [**website**](https://www.csusb.edu/academic-research) **(Project Re-Start and Continuity Plan process).**

IRB will begin accepting in-person research applications on **May 1, 2021**, with the actual research start date no earlier than **May 24, 2021**.

**Consider the following prior to submitting your new or modified IRB application for review:**

* Only exempt or expedited studies will be reviewed at this time for in-person research (Full Board does not review over summer)
* Limit the number of researchers and participants in the research space (recommend one researcher with one participant in a 6-feet radius at one time)
* Research in the community will be reviewed on an individual basis that do not involve vulnerable populations
* Consider providing a COVID-19 fact sheet to participants prior and following participation.
* Investigators must address how participants will be protected (PPE, sanitizing, humidifiers, be outdoors when possible, social distancing, etc.) and the following [questions](https://www.csusb.edu/sites/default/files/CSUSB%20IRB%20Application%20COVID%20Questions%204-9-21.pdf) will be asked on the IRB application and will be considered when determining IRB approval.

**In addition to IRB requirements, you should also review the following CSUSB Policies related to COVID-19 prior to submitting your new or modified IRB application:**

* It is recommended to view CSUSB’s [COVID-19 Prevention Plan](https://www.csusb.edu/sites/default/files/COVID-19%20Prevention%20Plan%20%28Draft%29_0.pdf) where the university outlines how individuals should be protected when on campus (you will also have to submit a plan to risk management using these guidelines after IRB protocol is approved to be able to conduct your research)
* CSUSB requires all employees and students to self-report positive COVID-19 test using this [form](https://csusb.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cI7xvluxIbGkYol)
* University Screening for COVID-19 each day on campus (with or without the COVID-19 vaccine)
	+ All individuals with a Coyote ID must fill out the “[COVID-19 Daily Health](https://csusb.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_88saclqETW1amyx)” questions found under MyCoyote and “pass” to be allowed to come to campus, if they do not pass, they should not come to campus

[Previous COVID Announcements](file:///C%3A%5Csites%5Cdefault%5Cfiles%5CIRB%20COVID%20updates%20for%20website%204-12-2021.pdf)

**Important Announcements Regarding PIs**

**IRB Update on Human Subjects Research and COVID-19; 07-13-2020, 9:00 AM**

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2. **Incident Reporting:** In the case that an adverse event occurs in a research project, the IRB agrees the responsibility to report the incident should be of the faculty member. The student can assist the faculty member in this reporting but ultimately it would need to be the responsibility of the PI.
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