



**Office of Research &
Economic Development**

Policy on Return to Human Subject Research

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In accordance with the LSU Return-to-Campus plan, human subject research may resume in Phase 2 with the following limitations:

- All participants (researchers and subjects) must adhere to CDC, Louisiana Department of Health and university guidelines for general health and safety. This includes physical distancing between all participants, wearing of face masks, and disinfecting of common and high-touch surfaces.
- All IRB protocols must be amended with information as to how investigators will assure compliance with general health and safety requirements prior to a resumption of research activities. This includes necessary and reasonable precautions, community expectations, and any modifications to the study that are designed to mitigate or reduce risk to subjects while still addressing the specific research question. Special attention should be made to addressing the concerns of high-risk individuals¹ who are participating in the research as either researcher or subject.
- When the research activity occurs on campus, all participants will be subject to any pre-screening activities and protocols as determined by the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

As with other research activities, a return to on-campus research for human subject projects must be approved by the department chair and dean. Such requests must include a list of essential faculty, staff and students involved with the project to be forwarded to the EOC upon approval.

Important links:

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention COVID-19 Guidelines

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV>

Louisiana Department of Health

<http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/3878>

LSU Roadmap

<https://lsu.edu/roadmap/>

¹ High-risk individuals as defined by the CDC (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-increased-risk.html>)