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Hello Student and Faculty Researchers,

I've received quite a few last-minute requests to distribute student surveys regarding attitudes and knowledge checks on recent and upcoming curricular sessions. If these studies are part of the curriculum, there's not a problem, but I would recommend that you use course tools such as quizzing or clicker questions.

If these surveys are for research that you hope to be publish, you will need documentation that you have IRB approval, or a determination from the IRB that your study does not require approval. *Currently, the IRB determination tool is down, and the folks at the IRB have reminded me that it's standard practice to allow 14 days for approval.* If you have a determination that you do not need IRB approval, there are still protocols such as information sheets, opt out language, and recruitment best practices that should be followed.

Please reach out early to me and the IRB if surveys are part of your study.

Thank you!

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