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Subject: LCOM and UVMMC - Updated Research COVID Policy ~ On Behalf of Interim Sr. Associate Dean for Research Richard Galbraith & Assistant Dean for Clinical Research Kim Luebbers

Dear LCOM Researchers and Research Staff,

After reviewing the current CDC, Vermont Department of Health, UVM, and UVMMC COVID guidance, we have updated the LCOM/UVMMC COVID research policy.

Please see the attached memo (below).

Of note, effective today, researchers are no longer required to screen research participants within 48 hours of their arrival to campus.

Masking is still required for research visits at LCOM and UVMMC.

Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring a safe environment for our research participants and research teams.

Please appreciate that the level of restriction may change again depending upon the evolution of the pandemic and guidance from the CDC and State of Vermont.

Thank you,

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LCOM and UVM HN Clinical Research Guidelines - August 19, 2022

We are updating our information with regards to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic to bring our guidelines into alignment with respective institutional policies.

The information below applies to clinical research being conducted in UVM LCOM and UVM Health Network (including associated clinics and the Clinical Research Center). Please note that the guidance is different for UVM and UVM HN. Researchers using both UVM and UVM HN resources need to follow the guidance appropriate for the facility in which they are operating.

General Guidance:

- IRB approval of your research is required, including any protocol modifications necessary related to COVID-19, e.g., conducting remote activities, changes in testing/assessments to reduce exposure risks, etc.
- Research participants will be screened for COVID-19 on arrival at UVM HN facilities as is current practice. Participants arriving at UVM facilities do not require such screening.
- Participants and those accompanying them must be informed that they will need to wear a mask upon entering and during their stay at both UVM HN and UVM facilities.
- Limit in-person activities to no more than two research personnel and one participant per interaction per room. A waiver must be requested (by email) for any greater number of people.

UVM Policies:

Research Participant, Outside Research Monitors, and Research related External Vendor Visits:

- Research visits are still limited to the research participant and one guest.
- Indoor masking is required for research participant interactions.
- Vaccinations are not required for research participants, guests, or external vendors.
- [UVM COVID-19 Guidelines Section: Others \(Vendors, Visitors, Guests, Etc.\)](#)

UVM employees conducting research at UVM HN sites need to follow UVM HN vaccination policies, see below.

UVM Health Network Policies:

Research Participant:

- Research visits are still limited to the research participant and one guest.
- Masking is required.

Vaccination Requirements for UVM employees at UVM Health Network Sites:

- [UVM HN COVID 19 Vaccination Policy 01-21-2022](#)
- [UVM HN COVID 19 Vaccine Policy FAQ](#)
- [UVM HN Non-Employed Staff COVID 19 Vaccine Policy 01-21-2022.pdf](#)



UVM Health Network Outside Monitors, and External Vendor Visits:

- External vendors are required to be vaccinated and complete a [vaccination attestation](#) which includes uploading documentation of vaccination prior to arriving at UVM Health Network.
- Masking is required.

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