



CENTER FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE

TO: University of Massachusetts Medical School Faculty and Staff

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RE: Updates: Clinical Research Operations and COVID19

In follow-up to today's communication from Chancellor Collins and Dean Flotte, we are writing to advise you that after March 19, human subjects-related research visits will be restricted to those essential to a subject's well-being.

Additionally, we will limit daily activity in the Clinical Research Center, including operation of outpatient clinics that utilize the space.

The reduction in activities will remain in place through at least April 3, 2020. Further guidance will be provided on Monday and as more information becomes available.

We ask all study teams to evaluate their active protocols and complete the survey located below.
<https://arcsapps.umassmed.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=A88F9DHYWT>

Please upload the requested summary report (template attached) that includes:

- The OnCore Protocol number
- Name of the study
- The number of patients and visits expected during the time period with the visit location
- Any use of the CRC space that will be required.

Please contact Danielle Howard (Danielle.Howard@umassmed.edu) with any questions or concerns.

We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all UMMS clinical research investigators and staff for working with us to ensure that we can continue to provide critical research resources, while trying to reduce new infections, thus preventing sustained community transmission of the virus.