Human Research Activities

COVID-19 Decision Tool

Updated June 11, 2021 (subject to change, check back frequently)

1. *Does the research require in-person contact with participants?*
   * YES Go to question 2
   * NO Research may be conducted. Please submit applications or amendments at <http://research.olemiss.edu/irb/submit>
2. *Can the research be conducted outdoors?*
   * YES Research may be conducted. Please submit applications or amendments at <http://research.olemiss.edu/irb/submit>
   * NO Go to question 3
3. *Can the research be conducted where all participants and researchers are able to wear face coverings?*
   * YES Go to question 4
   * NO Research requires case-by-case IRB review. Please submit applications or amendments and additional information found at <http://research.olemiss.edu/irb/covid-19> to <http://research.olemiss.edu/irb/submit>
4. *Can the research be conducted using participants who are currently eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine (age 12 and up)?*
   * YES Go to question 5
   * NO Go to question 6
5. *Can the research be conducted with no more than 15 cumulative minutes close contact (<6 ft) time between any two (vaccine-eligible) people?*
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   * NO Research should be halted at this time