Dear Rowan Research Community,

The IRB and any other research compliance committees will continue to operate during COVID-19 Pandemic. You may continue to submit eIRB new applications, amendments, continuing reviews/progress reports, study closeouts and reportable events during this time. We appreciate your patience with any slight delays during this time.

In accordance with the University’s response plan to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Research Compliance is providing additional guidance regarding active human research activities.

Research activities such as surveys, interviews, and focus groups should be moved to a remote format wherever possible. A modification must be submitted in eIRB. The modification request should include an explanation on how the consent process will be adapted to the remote format. For example:

The approved consent forms can be sent to the participant in advance over email. The researcher will review the consent form over the phone and give the participant time to ask questions. If the participant agrees to participate, their verbal consent will be documented in the researcher’s records.

If there are legitimate time constraints, the IRB may accept and approve modifications related to the COVID-19 continuity plan via email. Contact for Glassboro/CMSRU and SOM IRBs: Amanda O’Hara, oharaa@rowan.edu

For research activities that cannot be adapted to a remote format, consideration must be given to the best interests of the research participants. Campus guidance for in-person meetings must be followed.

Up-to-date communication from the University: https://www.rowan.edu/virusinfo/index.html


Please contact the Office of Research Compliance with any questions:

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