Frequently Asked Questions for Researchers

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Areas of Compliance

Human Subjects Research

Will the status of my IRB approval be affected?

No, the LUC IRB has not changed any of its policies or procedures related to the oversight of human subject research. The Board understands that some researchers may choose to put their work on "pause", but at this point that is a decision to be made by the Principal Investigator. If the Principal Investigator wishes to make modifications to the IRB approved procedures, then an Amendment application should be submitted to and approved by the IRB. Detailed instructions for requesting approval of an amendment are online at: https://cap.luc.edu/Help/amendment%20userguide.pdf

Can I still interact with my research subjects?

Yes, however the Board recommends that any government imposed restrictions be followed as well as appropriate safeguards to limit exposure to and the spread of the COVID-19.

Do I need to modify my consent form to include the risks of COVID-19 if there will be in-person interactions?

The IRB hasn't required any immediate changes to the consent procedures or form related to the COVID-19. However, researchers that believe procedures involved with their studies increase the risks related to the COVID-19 can add appropriate information to the consent materials. This is done by an amendment to ongoing projects or incorporation into the proposed consent materials for new projects.

Will the IRB be meeting to review my application?

Yes, the IRB will continue reviewing applications and holding monthly meetings according to the established meeting schedule.

For any research compliance concern, please contact:

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We will continue to have more updated information posted on this page, as soon as it becomes available.

<u>**Additional Investigator FAQ**</u>

Student HR

Loyola has offered COVID-19 emergency pay for employees that have exhausted their accrued leave during the COVID-19 shutdown. For research staff and postdocs who are paid from NIH grants, my understanding is that grant funding will continue paying their salaries and benefits during their leave time. However, after the leave time is exhausted, which funds will be used for paying the COVID-19 emergency pay?

> If an employee is unable to work remotely, they should first use their paid time off accruals, including personal/family friendly days, sick, and vacation time during the coronavirus period for pay continuity. This pay will be charged to the employee's position funding sources as normal.

> If/when those paid time off accruals are exhausted, regular staff are eligible for up to 15 days of emergency pay. Eligible employees should complete the [COVID-19 Emergency Pay Request Form](#) and return the completed form to benefits@luc.edu.