

To: WVU Health Science Center Clinical Research Investigators and Coordinators

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Re: **Additional Recommendations for Health Sciences Center Clinical Research**

The purpose of this memo is to raise awareness of the recent accelerated spread of SARS CoV-2 in Monongalia County and provide recommendations to ensure continued safety of research participants and study personnel.

It is recommended on-site research visits be kept to a minimum. Consideration should be given to delaying or cancelling research visits, unless required to ensure participant safety or essential therapy in relation to the study.

Also, it is suggested new participant enrollment and initiation of new human subject research studies be limited unless the study is COVID-19 related or is considered to provide direct benefit to participants and for which there are no appropriate alternative clinical treatments.

As a reminder, remote monitoring visits for clinical trials should be performed, unless there is a critical need for an on-site visit.

Federal, state/local public health and institutional policies (including mask-wearing and screening requirements) should continue to be followed. Refer to the following websites:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html>

WV Department of Health and Human Resources: <https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/Provider-Resources.aspx>

WVU Coronavirus website: <https://coronavirus.wvu.edu/>

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Shelley Welch or Tanya Moran, Co-Directors, Clinical Trials Center of Excellence.

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