

Guidance for Research Participants

University at Buffalo Pausing Select Research Studies Due to COVID-19

Which research studies will this affect?

Most research studies that require in-person contact with participants will no longer be enrolling new participants. Most studies that require in-person contact will also pause all study activities.

Which research studies will not be paused?

Studies that may remain open are studies that directly benefit participants, such as certain clinical trials or COVID-19 trials. Also, studies that can be completed entirely online or by phone will be open for enrollment.

Will I still be able to enroll in a clinical trial?

It depends on which clinical trial you are interested in. Some clinical trials that provide direct benefits to participants may still be open for enrollment.

Who should I contact to find out if a study I'm in is paused?

Study teams have been advised to reach out to participants to communicate the status of each study. Please contact the team of the study you are enrolled in if you have not heard from them yet. If you are not sure how to contact your study team, please contact the Research Participant Advocate, researchadvocate@buffalo.edu or (716) 888-4845.

If I'm in a clinical trial, will I be able to continue participating? What might be different?

Depending on the trial, you may have to discontinue or withdraw your participation. Other trials may restart after the pause. If you are currently receiving treatment in a clinical trial (like a study drug), your treatment might continue. You may be able to do some of the follow up visits by phone or online. Contact your research study staff to ask about this option.

If you do come in for a visit, you may be asked screening questions to find out if you have symptoms or have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19. You may also be given a mask to wear. Your temperature may also be taken before your visit begins. We will be taking extra time between participant visits to clean and disinfect study areas.

Keep in mind that the guidelines for research studies at UB may change quickly during this time. Please reach out to your study team for information about a specific study.