**Update To COVID-19 Safety Protocols For In-Person Research**

On a continual basis the University has monitored the evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and believes it is now safe to relax the existing COVID-19 safety protocols for in‑person research. Please refer to the table below for a summary of the newly revised guidelines for the specified general risk categories for human subjects research.

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| **Risk Category** | **Safety Protocols** |
| 1.      Research that does not require in-person interaction or intervention with a human research participant | * All research activities can be conducted remotely through the use of online survey, video conferencing, telephone, etc.
* No special safety precautions are required
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| 2.      Research that requires in-person interaction or intervention but does not involve physical contact or close contact | * Investigator must align COVID-19 safety protocols with current [UNE Onward](https://www.une.edu/onward) guidance and make an attestation within their research protocol that they will adhere to all current UNE Onward COVID-19 protocols for the duration of their research project
* The use of the ‘Participant Screening Questionnaire’ is NOT required
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| 3.      Research that requires in-person interaction or intervention but does involve physical contact or close contact | * Investigator must align COVID-19 safety protocols with current [UNE Onward](https://www.une.edu/onward) guidance and make an attestation within their research protocol that they will adhere to all current UNE Onward COVID-19 protocols for the duration of their research project
* The use of the ‘Participant Screening Questionnaire’ is NOT required
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| 4.      Any in-person research in which: Researchers or participants are over 65 years of age, or have certain underlying conditions that does or may place them at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19, as set forth in contemporary CDC guidance; ***AND/OR***Situations where the research involves an interaction or intervention in which there is a heightened risk of COVID-19 exposure | * Applies to research conducted on campus AND off campus
* Investigator must align COVID-19 safety protocols with current [UNE Onward](https://www.une.edu/onward) guidance and make an attestation within their research protocol that they will adhere to all current UNE Onward COVID-19 protocols for the duration of their research project
* The use of the ‘Participant Screening Questionnaire’ is REQUIRED. If the Participant answers ‘Yes’ to any of the screening questions, the research visit CANNOT happen.
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