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The below guidance is for Clinical Research Operations on campus and is based on AHS policies and federal travel policies . Clinical Research Operations are settings where medical procedures are performed including physical exams, sample collection etc.

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TOPIC	GUIDANCE
CLINIC STAFF	
Before attending work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff in clinical research operations are to follow the COVID – 19 PROCEDURE FOR SICK EMPLOYEES.
Protective Personal Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff in clinical research operations are to follow AHS POLICIES FOR PROTECTIVE PERSONAL EQUIPMENT.
Clinical interaction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per AHS policies, staff in clinical research operations are to perform hand sanitization before and after all patient interactions.
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff clinical research operations who have traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days must follow the GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TRAVEL, TESTING, QUARANTINE AND BORDERS INSTRUCTIONS, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high risk environments.
VISITORS	

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<p>Before visitor (research participants, accompanying care giver, research monitors) arrival at clinic setting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When arranging an appointment, send visitors the COVID 19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST and ask them to review the list prior to coming to campus. Advise visitors that they need to reschedule their appointment if any of the items on the check list apply. • Advise visitors that masks are mandatory in all clinic settings. Personal masks can be worn. If needed, masks will be provided when entering a clinic setting. • Note: it is recommended that research procedures not requiring in person attendance (e.g. provision of instructions, consenting, interviews, or questionnaires) are done remotely.
<p>Visitor arrival</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On arrival, staff in clinical research operations ensure that visitors wear a mask and check that none of the COVID 19 ALBERTA HEALTH DAILY CHECKLIST items apply. • Visitors are offered hand sanitizer when entering the clinical research operation.
<p>Informed consent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modified consent, listing risks related to COVID exposure, is <u>no longer required</u>.
<p>Travel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise visitors who have traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days, that they must follow the GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TRAVEL, TESTING, QUARANTINE AND BORDERS instructions, including any requirements for exempt travelers related to attending high risk environments.
<p>CLINIC AREAS AND EQUIPMENT</p>	
<p>COVID related maximum area capacity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical research operations do not require <u>COVID related maximum capacity restrictions</u>. Area capacity of the clinical research operation is determined by the building code.
<p>Clinic areas and rooms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frequently touched clinic area surfaces (door knobs, faucets, light switches etc.) should be disinfected according to a schedule set by the clinical research operation.
<p>Clinic equipment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff in clinical research operations are to disinfect clinic equipment after each use and according to the manufacturer’s instructions. • Shared equipment should be disinfected before and after each use.

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