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Calgary Centre for Clinical Research

Clinical Research Update January 26th, 2022

To guide our clinical researchers and their teams, we have compiled the below summary information about the current clinical research situation. Please direct any questions to the Calgary Centre for Clinical Research cccr@ucalgary.ca.

U of C Clinical Research Operations

U of C Guidance

On December 24th, 2021, the University provided a COVID related [update](#) requesting that research staff work from home if possible and providing guidance for safe work practices for those who cannot work from home. Currently work on campus is permitted for clinical research visits that cannot be performed remotely and other work that requires campus resources.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Research staff who come in contact with research participants are advised to follow [AHS directives on PPE](#). To prevent the spread of COVID-19, AHS has a continuous masking directive in place, as well as a requirement for staff who provide patient care to wear eye protection (goggles or facial shields). Surgical masks are considered

sufficient unless there is a risk of being in contact with a COVID infected patient when a N95 mask would be recommended. U of C Staff Wellness offers N95 fit testing. Details on how to request and book N95 testing can be found [here](#).

Research Participants

Research participants are considered visitors to campus and the [U of C guidance for visitors](#) apply. According to this guidance all research participants aged 12 and older coming to the U of C campus are required to be vaccinated. Researchers are advised to add COVID vaccination to their study eligibility criteria.

Study Monitors

Study monitors are considered visitors to campus and the [U of C guidance for visitors](#) apply. [Remote monitoring](#) is recommended when possible.

Alberta Health Services

COVID-19 Immunization Policy

On December 1st, 2021, AHS implemented their [Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy](#) which applies to all non-AHS employed research staff and requires full COVID vaccination to enter AHS facilities. The U of C worked on ensuring compliance with this requirement and signed an attestation on behalf of its staff.

Health System Access Requests

For new studies, AHS Health System Access continues to review and issue approvals for access to operational and data resources.

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