
From: dellmed.research.list-request@utlists.utexas.edu <dellmed.research.list-request@utlists.utexas.edu> **On Behalf Of** Dell Med Office of Research
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 11:02 AM
To: dellmed.research.list@utlists.utexas.edu
Subject: [dellmed.research.list] Action Required: Planning for Study Participant Engagement Post-COVID-19

Hi Folks,

With the campus, we are establishing a restart process for all research, including human subject investigations. The VPR sent out a request (below) based on IRB-identified human research investigators that you should have received (if you are one). We need this information to restart safely.

In the meantime, continue as we are currently, mostly paused and as virtual as possible. My own belief is that human research will trail what is happening in bringing people back in to UTHA and the medical community more generally. However, keep an eye toward announcements, and we will follow the campus' lead.

Please stay safe as Texas re-opens.

Thanks
Steve

Steve Strakowski, MD
Vice Dean of Research
Associate Vice President, Regional Mental Health
[Dell Medical School](#) | [The University of Texas at Austin](#)

o: 512-495-5114 | dellmedschool.utexas.edu

From: Jennifer Lyon Gardner
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 8:37 AM
To: research-restart-hs-pis@utlists.utexas.edu
Subject: Action required: planning for Study Participant engagement post-COVID-19

Dear PI Colleagues,

You are receiving this email because you have one or more approved IRB protocols on file with UT. Interim VPR Alison Preston, myself, and a committee of Associate Deans for Research are working rapidly to produce a phased plan for safely resuming research operations on campus, as mentioned in Dr. Preston's campus memos dated [April 16](#) and [April 28](#). This plan must be approved by the

President's office and executive leadership before it can be implemented.

One major component of this phased research restart plan will be reintroducing face-to-face contact with study participants. To ensure the safety of UT researchers and their study participants, we need to plan for appropriate social distancing and COVID-19 testing/screening protocols for both populations.

This means we need a reliable estimate of the number of study participants you and your research teams would normally engage with on campus prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We also need a reliable estimate of the number of your personnel who normally interact with study participants off-site (e.g., in schools or in participants' homes).

The Office of the Vice President for Research has created a Qualtrics form for you to provide these estimates.

- You only need to complete this form once, accounting for all your studies/protocols in summation and regardless of funding source.
- This form should take about 5 to 10 minutes to complete.
- If you do not conduct human subjects research, or have completed all your current protocols and do not plan to begin any new ones, you do not need to fill out this form.

[SUBMIT YOUR STUDY PARTICIPANT INFORMATION](#)

A download of the form fields is attached here, so that you'll know in advance what info you need to have handy to complete the form.

This information must be provided to us through the form before you will be permitted to resume face-to-face interactions with your study participants. A timeline for resuming face-to-face interactions is not yet finalized. We will communicate to this group once a timeline has been approved by the President's Office. **In the meantime, your IRB-approved, online/remote human subjects work may continue.**

Questions about your ongoing human subjects protocols can be directed to the [Office of Research Support and Compliance](#). You may direct general questions or concerns you have about resuming research operations to your Associate Dean for Research.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Lyon Gardner

Jennifer Lyon Gardner, Ph.D., ELS, CRA
Associate Vice President for Research
The University of Texas at Austin

PO Box 7996
Austin, TX 78713-7996
lyon@austin.utexas.edu
research.utexas.edu

Research Development Resources

Bridging Barriers: UT's University-Wide Research Grand Challenges

Board of Directors | 2017 – 2021

Secretary | 2018 - 2021

National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP)

<http://www.nordp.org>