

Research Visitors, Monitors and Observers

In an effort to facilitate the return of research visitors, monitors and observers (research visitor) to campus, in a safe and productive manner, these guidelines have been established for use within the UC Health research community. Please share with and have the external researcher visitor, monitor or observer sign prior to the onsite visit.

Please be aware:

The risk of exposure to COVID-19 by an asymptomatic individual or an individual who is unaware of their COVID-19 infection status is a possibility. There are patient care areas of the hospital that may be considered higher risk areas and the research visitor should be aware of this. Any interactions with patients and staff also provide a level of risk of contracting COVID-19.

The research visitor and UCH/UC research staff agree to follow the guidelines below:

1. Inform study team and departmental chairs/leadership of research visit and understand that your team is responsible for the research visitors while on campus and in the hospital.
2. Complete COVID-19 screening.
3. Follow institutional and hospital guidelines regarding COVID-19 which are in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These guidelines are required by the state of Ohio, City of Cincinnati and UC Health.
 - a. Abide by state travel quarantine guidelines found on the City of Cincinnati Health Department.
 - b. Wear a mask in indoor public places.
 - c. Wear a mask outdoors when unable to maintain social distancing of 6 feet or more.
 - d. Maintain social distancing when possible.
4. No contact or observation of patients known to have a positive COVID-19 diagnosis.
5. Only visit intended destination (research patient room, study team office or conference rooms). Avoid dining areas and the bookstores/gift shops.
6. Disinfect your own areas after visits and inform nursing staff when hospital visits are finished.
7. If more than one research visitor is scheduled for the same purpose, maintain social distancing in conference rooms, offices and hallways.

8. Maintain a log of visitors on doors in the event contact tracing is required.
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Remote Monitoring and Site Visits

The Office of Clinical Research has worked with our corporate Privacy, Security, and Accreditation offices to provide the following basic guidelines for REMOTE initiation or qualification visits that involve video (with cell phone, tablet, or computer):

- Video must be streamed, not recorded, to enhance the protection of privacy.
- No patients or PHI should be seen on video.
- Study teams must plan these visits with the facility/teams, so all are aware and prepared.
- All Covid-19 safety and social distancing guidelines are to be followed by the study team member(s) conducting the remote video visit.