



Research Administration

Human Research Protection Program

Human Research News

March 16, 2020: COVID-19 and Human Subjects Research

1) [COVID-19 and Human Subjects Research Frequently Asked Questions](#)

- **The UCLA IRBs are fully operational.** The Office of the Human Research Protection Program (OHRPP)/IRB has contingency plans in place to maintain continuity. WebIRB can be accessed anywhere an individual has internet access. Similarly, the OHRPP has the capability to conduct IRB committee meetings via Zoom. We expect this to continue even if the University suspends operations for contagion control purposes. All UCLA OHRPP email addresses and voicemail continue to be monitored with the same or greater frequency. However, responses to inquiries and applications that are not related to COVID-19 or its impact on research may be delayed somewhat. For any questions or concerns, contact the [OHRPP office](#).
- **Changes to Approved Research**
All changes/modifications to any research protocols continue to require review and approval by the IRB except for the incorporation of screening for exposure to COVID-19 as well as any measures needed to avoid an immediate apparent hazard to a patient/participant. The incorporation of a COVID-19 screening procedure does **NOT** require IRB approval. If a research protocol requires a modification, due to COVID-19 implications, that needs to be submitted to the IRB for review and approval, please contact [the UCLA OHRPP office](#) directly so those submissions can be triaged in an expeditious manner.

2) [COVID-19 Policy 3/16/2020](#)

3) [Letter from the Vice Chancellor for Research Roger Wakimoto](#)

4) **Change to OHRPP's Noontime Series "Learn at Lunch" Upcoming Presentation Topic:**

Date: March 26, 2020

Topic: "COVID-19 and Human Subjects Research Updates"

Presenter: Mark Mimnaugh, Assistant Director UCLA Office of the Human Research Protection Program (OHRPP)

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: <https://ucla.zoom.us/j/774249786> Meeting ID: 774 249 786

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