Clinical Research Unit
Your Safety is Our Main Concern

Thank you for participating in our study. Your health and safety are our top priority. This handout explains the additional precautions the Clinical Research Unit (CRU) at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is taking to minimize risk of transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19:

Prior to Your Visit
COVID-19 Screening Assessment Questions
Prior to and during your scheduled study visit, we will ask a series of questions to assess your risk for COVID-19. If you are exhibiting signs of COVID-19 or are assessed to be at risk, we will ask you to cancel or reschedule your appointment.

Arriving for Your Visit
Face Covering
Everyone is required to wear a clean mask or homemade cloth covering that covers the nose and mouth when approaching the campus security gate and when approaching others on campus.

Carefully Monitored Entrance Points
Prior to entering the NIEHS campus, everyone at the security gate entrance will receive a temperature check using a non-contact infrared thermometer. No one will be allowed on campus, including NIEHS staff and study participants, if their temperature is above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or if they have any other COVID-19 symptoms. If you have a temperature above 100.4, we will reschedule your appointment.
Waiting in Vehicle
To limit the number of people in our facility, please come to your appointment alone. If you have a driver or guest, have them wait for you in the car or outside of the building.

Our indoor waiting area will be closed. When you arrive at the CRU parking lot, please call 919-699-5523, which will allow us to ask COVID-19 screening questions. If the assessment indicates you do not currently have COVID-19, we will escort you to the exam room for your study visit. If you are exhibiting signs of COVID-19 or are assessed to be at risk, we will ask you to call the study recruiter to reschedule your appointment at 984-287-4416 or 984-287-4426.

During Your Visit
Face Covering
Everyone is required to wear a clean mask or homemade cloth covering that covers the nose and mouth while in the CRU.

Cleaning
We are performing enhanced cleaning and sanitizing of exam rooms and equipment after each appointment to protect you. We are also performing additional cleanings daily.

Hand Hygiene
Hand sanitizer is offered at entrances and numerous locations throughout the building. Frequent and robust hand-washing is also required by all CRU staff.

Physical Distancing
We are adding more time between appointments and will limit the number of CRU staff and study participants to allow for physical distancing.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
We are following CDC guidelines by wearing recommended PPE during your visit.

Our goal is to keep you safe during your visit. We apologize if our safety measures cause any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the study recruiter at 984-287-4416 or 984-287-4426. We look forward to seeing you soon.