Dear TU Researchers Engaged in Research with Human Subjects:

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, The University of Tulsa’s Institutional Review Board wants to support investigators and has been working on procedures to safely resume in-person human subjects when conducting a study ‘virtually’ is not possible. This has been a challenging process, coordinating with various university committees and offices, with the safety and wellbeing of the community our highest priority.

The University of Tulsa has established the following requirements for in-person human subject research until an effective vaccine or therapeutics for COVID-19 is widely available. 

*First and foremost, all research work that can be performed remotely should continue remotely until further guidance is issued.*

Please refer to the following COVID-19 documents for in-person human subjects research:

**TU Institutional Review Board (IRB) Plan:**

- **IRB Procedure for In Person Human Subjects Research during COVID-19:** This TU IRB form explains the IRB procedures and information needed to submit to the TU IRB when applying to resume in-person human subjects research for a currently approved protocol or submitting a new IRB protocol that cannot be conducted virtually.

- **IRB COVID –19 Informed Consent Form for In-Person:** This TU IRB form is an informational sheet for research subjects considering in-person research participation at TU and lists the COVID-19 exposure risks and procedures specific to in-person research participation.

**General Plan from the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs:**

- **Procedure for Conducting In-Person Human Subjects Research -COVID-19:** This is a University of Tulsa form that gives TU researchers a list of requirements and procedures that they will need to submit for review to the Vice Provost for Research to conduct in-person human subjects research, separate from the TU IRB review.

- **University of Tulsa - Notice of Risk of COVID-19:** This university form is a notice of risk of the COVID-19 virus and general overview that both internal and external persons may be asked to read and sign when coming on campus.

You can find the above listed forms by visiting the TU IRB webpage: https://utulsa.edu/research/office-research/research-compliance/irb-protection-human-subjects/?highlight=office%20of%20research.

As COVID-19 local, state and national information is constantly changing, please look out for further notices and continue to check the TU IRB webpage for any changes to these procedures and requirements.

Please contact the Research Compliance Coordinator, Carmen Schaar-Walden, with any questions at carmen-schaar-walden@utulsa.edu or 918-631-3310.