For studies that cannot be conducted remotely, please submit to the IRB a justification for why it cannot be remote. Indicate your plan to keep participants safe with respect to the following issues: screening, social distancing, Sanitization and Informed Consent.

Consent forms do not need to indicate risk of exposure to COVID-19 as a study risk per se nor does the tracking log requirement of the University need to be in the consent form if PIs choose to use the consent form which has been approved by the Vice Provost for Research. This form describes the general risks and the campus screening log information with respect to confidentiality. Simply attach the information sheet to your request and indicate if you plan to use it. (It is anticipated that as information changes, the information sheet can be updated directly without requiring additional IRB approval to modify the consent form). When possible, researchers should consider obtaining consent through remote means prior to face-to-face contact to reduce time in close proximity.

Note: The use of a qualified electronic signature should be used on such documents to be consistent with OHSP/FDA regulations.

Note: In response to COVID-19, The University of Tulsa has created a number of policies and practices to keep the campus safe. The Office of Research and Sponsored Projects has also created some practices for approval of research beyond the IRB (Procedure for In Person Human Subject Research during the COVID-19 Pandemic). PIs are advised to follow and incorporate those considerations into the IRB proposal/modification when seeking approval from the Vice Provost for Research.