

## Lesley IRB COVID-19 Guidelines

Note that the unique nature of individual projects may require consultation with the IRB.

1. Due to the current covid-19 pandemic, all proposed research must observe the applicable state and local guidelines and protocols. These protocols must be strictly followed, communicated to subjects clearly in advance, and stated in the consent form.
2. Whenever possible, electronic communications on secure platforms (e.g., institutional Zoom accounts) should be used in place of face-to-face procedures for individuals and groups. As with any research procedure, any recording of electronic interactions must be clearly stated in the consent form, and all recordings must be stored securely to protect confidentiality. Modifications to electronic consent forms may be needed.
3. Under the following circumstances, group and individual face-to-face contact may take place outdoors; all indoor locations must have proper ventilation. In addition:
  - a. All subjects and research personnel will wear masks and maintain at least 6' social distance at all times.
  - b. No physical contact will occur between subjects or subjects and researcher at any time.
  - c. No physical materials can be shared between subjects.
  - d. All physical surfaces will be disinfected prior to any subject use and between subject use.
  - e. Hand sanitizer and/or hand washing stations must be provided.
  - f. Prior to face-to-face contact subjects must confirm (1) no known symptoms (can include temperature check just prior to participation) or exposures, (2) no travel in the past 14 days