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Institutional Review Board

To: Faculty and Students

From: Adelphi University Institutional Review Board (IRB)

RE: Human Subjects Research and COVID 19

Date: April 1, 2020

Dear Adelphi Researchers:

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the landscape for many of us. Per state government guidance, there is limited access to Adelphi's Garden City campus and Adelphi's satellite centers are currently closed. In order to prevent risk to participants and researchers, Adelphi's IRB is instituting the following policies until health circumstances change.

Effective immediately, all currently IRB approved studies that involve personal interactions with research participants must be temporarily suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic. This suspension **does not apply** to studies that involve online, phone or other means of non-contact with participants, or secondary analysis of collected data.

Guidance for currently approved studies using in-person or face-to-face data collection

Modify your study to take into account the social distancing that is recommended by health professionals to limit the spread of the virus. Consider data collection methods such as phone, text, email, surveys hosted on online platforms, and virtual platforms using video and/or audio.

Please make sure that the method you select is compliant with electronic security and HIPAA guidelines (see the IRB webpage for recommendations when using zoom).

Complete the COVID 19 Modification Form summarizing the changes you have made and highlight the changes in your modified protocol and consent form. Modified protocols and consent forms should describe changes in data management procedures and include separate consents for video and audiotaping participants (see the IRB webpage for the COVID 19 Modification Form).

If your procedures cannot be modified to eliminate in-person meetings, you must temporarily suspend data collection until the public health circumstances change. If you do not follow these guidelines, your current approval will be revoked by the IRB.

Guidance for new protocols:

All proposed research submitted to the IRB will continue to be reviewed according to our current procedures with the following stipulations:

> Research studies involving in-person contact will be reviewed and be given an "Approved Pending" designation. You cannot begin your study until the public health circumstances change and your study is fully approved by the IRB. If you violate this mandate, your pending study approval will be revoked.
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> New submissions which involve the collection of data that does not involve in-person contact with human participants or involve secondary analysis of data are not affected by this policy.

Please consider how you plan to minimize health risks to participants by instituting appropriate sanitation procedures when using equipment~~,~~ even after the health crisis passes and your in-person studies begin again.