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**Position of the CRIR's Institutions REB regarding the resumption of research  
activities during COVID-19 pandemic situation**

As described in the MSSS note of June 5, health measures to ensure the safety of research participants are the responsibility of the Institutions. In coherence with this note, the CRIR's institutions REB relies on the mitigation committee or the resumption of research activities committee of each institution to guide to resumption of research activities in a safe manner. To help researchers with the resumption of their research projects, here are some guidelines:

- If a modification to a research project is related only to the application of these measures (e.g.: wearing a mask, respecting the physical distance of 2 meters, cleaning surfaces, etc.), **the researcher does not have to notify the REB.**
- If a researcher wishes to make additional modifications to a plan that has already been approved by the institution to ensure safety of the participants to his/her research project, **the researcher notifies the institution's mitigation committee or resumption of research activities committee.**
- As before the pandemic, when a modification changes the protocol, the experiment or the participant's consent process (e.g.: modification of the type of data collection in order to switch from face-to-face to virtual participation), **the researcher sends the REB a request for modification.**

Please note that the CRIR's Institution REB has decided to extend these recommendations also to universities which have adopted a plan to resume research activities related to the pandemic. If your research is taking place in an organization other than a university or an Health and Social Services, please contact the coordinator of the CRIR's institutions REB for the procedure to follow.



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