

PARTICIPATING IN RESEARCH DURING COVID-19

We know that this may be a difficult time to consider participating in research. We hope that the information provided below is helpful in your decision-making process.

What to ask the research team:

1. What should I do or bring to protect myself?
2. What will the research team do to protect me?
3. Will the research procedures expose me to COVID-19?
4. Can I participate in some procedures now and other procedures later?
5. What procedures may I do at home vs. at the research site?
6. How do I get to the research site?
7. What happens if I need to have a friend or family member drive me to the research site?
8. What happens if I develop COVID-19 symptoms after my study visit?



What to expect while participating in research at BU

The research staff will prepare you for what to expect of the study visit, including:



- * [COVID-19 symptom](#) screening the day before and the day of the study visit. This may include having your temperature taken before you enter the building or the testing room.
- * The personal protective equipment (PPE) to be worn by the research staff. This may include masks, and it may include face shields and gowns.
- * You should come to the study visit wearing your own personal mask. The research staff will provide you with any additional PPE you may need during the study visit.
- * The staff will maintain physical distancing of 6 feet when possible. If or when they will be closer than 6 feet, they will let you know and will let you know what to expect

The research team will do their best to keep you safe during your study visit. We believe you are at the same risk attending the study visit as you are in public while using standard COVID-19 precautions. Regardless of the precautions, there is no way to guarantee that you will not come into contact with someone who has COVID-19. If you are concerned about participating in the research, we encourage you to discuss your participation with your family, friends or your doctor.



Please remember that research is voluntary. It is your choice to participate or not to participate. You can choose to participate now and change your mind later. If you choose not to participate, you will not lose any benefits or services to which you are otherwise entitled.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the researcher. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant or any complaints about the research, please contact the Charles River Campus Institutional Review Board (contact information and website located at the top of this document).