University of Northern Iowa Institutional Review Board (IRB)
Face-to-Face Research During COVID-19: Decision Chart

START

Has the study received IRB approval? NO

Submit a Face-to-Face Research Assurance Form with other IRB application materials. High risk studies will require a hazard assessment.

YES

Do the approved study procedures include face-to-face interaction? NO

Submit a Face-to-Face Research Assurance Form with a modification request to collect F2F data. High risk studies will require a hazard assessment.

YES

Do the approved study procedures include COVID-19 risk mitigation measures, either from the original IRB approval or from a modification? NO

Submit a Face-to-Face Research Assurance Form before resuming data collection. High risk studies will require a hazard assessment.

YES

What is the risk level of the face-to-face study procedures? (High risk includes aerosol-generating procedures such as exercising or inducing a cough, sneeze, or strong exhale).

High

No change, data collection may continue.

Low or Medium

Submit a modification request by email to align study procedures with current campus guidance.