

University of Northern Iowa

Resuming F2F Research: Guide for IRB Approved *prior to March 13*

Does your study involve any ****F2F** interaction?

No

Yes

Non – F2F Format

No IRB action required -
Proceed as approved
(e.g. Online survey procedures)

Can your study transition to a
No F2F format?
(e.g. Transitioning from paper
to online surveys)

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Yes

No

F2F-to-Non F2F Modification

Submit standard modification
request to IRB Chair
(e.g. Transition from in-person to
online interviews)

Does your protocol allow for
physical distancing ?
(e.g.)

Yes

No

F2F – With Physical Distancing

Follow IRB guidelines for COVID F2F
modification & restarting
(e.g. Administering a computerized test
than can't be offered online)

F2F – With Close Contact

Follow IRB guidelines for COVID F2F
modification & restarting
(e.g. Collecting aerobic exercise data)

Steps for Resuming IRB approved F2F Research:

1. Determine your research format (algorithm)
2. If your research involves no F2F interaction, proceed.
3. If your research involves F2F interaction, consider these items
 - i. Can you modify your protocol to eliminate F2F interactions?
 - ii. If you must proceed with F2F with F2F interactions, you will be asked to address the following items before you resume data collection:
 - 1) Revising your consent documents
 - 2) Creating a COVID prevention plan
 - a. PPE
 - » Participant
 - » Researcher
 - b. Distance/Space/Contact time
 - c. Sanitizing
 - » Participant
 - » Researcher
 - » Equipment
 - d. Contact documenting (tracing)

****F2F = Face to Face, In-person data collection or recruitment**