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

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

- **No**
  - **Non – F2F Format**
    - No IRB action required - Proceed as approved
      (e.g. Online survey procedures)

- **Yes**
  - Can your study transition to a No F2F format?
    (e.g. Transitioning from paper to online surveys)
    - **Yes**
      - **F2F-to-Non F2F Modification**
        - Submit standard modification request to IRB Chair
        (e.g. Transition from in-person to online interviews)
    - **No**
      - Does your protocol allow for physical distancing?
        (e.g. )
        - **Yes**
          - **F2F – With Physical Distancing**
            - Follow IRB guidelines for COVID F2F modification & restarting
              (e.g. Administering a computerized test than can't be offered online)
        - **No**
          - **F2F – With Close Contact**
            - Follow IRB guidelines for COVID F2F modification & restarting
              (e.g. Collecting aerobic exercise data)
  - **No**
    - 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**