

Addendum to Research Restrictions Phase 2 Orange Effective May 25, 2021

Effective immediately (i.e. May 25, 2021), we are implementing a Phase 2B whereby medium risk human participant research in the community is permitted. For this document, "risk" refers to risk of transmitting SARS-CoV-2 and contracting COVID-19.

Human participant research in the community can proceed if:

- The meeting does not take place within a private residence.
- The total number of people meeting for the research activities is less than 10. Ideally, research is conducted with a minimum number of people [i.e., one researcher (graduate student or faculty member), one participant].
- Physical distancing can be maintained with reasonable certainty.
- Protective face covering measures are in place at all times when other researchers or participants are present; that is, medical/non-medical masks (e.g. cloth). Ample scientific evidence is now available to support this.
- Stringent hand hygiene and disinfection procedures are followed.
- Equipment or objects are not shared between people (e.g., pens, paper, markers, etc.). If they are shared, they must be disinfected before another person uses it.
- All participants and parties consent to meet in person.
- All parties are healthy, and have not been knowingly exposed to anyone tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 or displaying symptoms of COVID-19. Anyone who is sick must stay home. The space is properly cleaned after the meeting / interaction.
- The project has received ethics approval from the U of R REB. (For the REB application, please add to the consent form under risks that there is an increased risk of contracting COVID-19 with in person activities.)
- All study participants must use Canada's COVID-19 Self-Assessment app daily.

Please refer to the U of R Return to Research Plan for additional details.

<https://www.uregina.ca/research/policies-forms-top/Return-to-research-Phase3.pdf>

Restrictions:

- Overnight trips for field research are not permitted.
- Field research in Northern Saskatchewan is not permitted.

Duration: To be reviewed in response to Provincial direction provided as part of implementing Step One of the Re-opening Roadmap targeted for May 30.

Questions can be directed to research.risk@uregina.ca.