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Health Research Ethics Authority Guidance Regarding COVID-19

The Health Research Ethics Authority (HREA) and the Health Research Ethics Board (HREB) have been closely monitoring the developments related to COVID-19. All research applications and events will continue to be reviewed using our organization's usual process. **It is important to note that HREB approval does not override any restrictions that may be in place from the researcher's institutions, organizations, sponsors or Public Health measures.**

All research protocols should be carefully considered to maximize participant safety, including compliance with relevant public health measures and institutional guidelines.

Any changes to an approved research application (e.g. switch from in-person to virtual visits for participants, remote monitoring) are required to be submitted as an amendment via the Researcher Portal and approved by the HREB.

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please contact:

- Ethics Officer for clinical trials and genetics/genomics at ethicsofficer@hrea.ca
- Ethics Officer for non-clinical trials at ethicsofficernct@hrea.ca.

Thank you.

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