Dear Research Community,

At this time Binghamton University will accept Return to In-Person Research With Human Subjects requests for research led by: faculty, post docs, and graduate student Principal Investigators (PIs). Research that will be considered for approval must meet the following criteria:

1. If graduate student PIs, they must provide justification that the research is necessary for timely graduation and faculty advisors must affirm this.
2. There must be strong justification in the request for why the research cannot be conducted by virtual means.
3. Social distancing (6-feet and 1 person per 200 square feet) must be able to be maintained at all times.
4. All potential participants must be part of the Binghamton University Campus Community (faculty, staff, students) if the research is being conducted on campus.

On-campus research with human subjects that requires the use of dedicated lab space(s) must first receive approval via the Return to Research, Scholarly, and Create Activity (RSCA) application process before IRB approval will be given and before Return to In-Person Research with Human Subjects requests will be considered. The RSCA request is a separate step in the approval process to be completed by the faculty member with oversight of the dedicated lab space. Once the RSCA is approved, PIs may proceed to submit IRB modifications or new study protocols in PACS.

If you plan to conduct in-person human subjects research, before submitting a protocol study modification or IRB protocol, please contact the IRB to discuss what will be required for your research. Once final IRB approval has been given, a Return to In-Person Research with Human Subjects request is to be completed and submitted to research2020@binghamton.edu for review and approval.

For more information, please visit the IRB COVID-19 Updates and the Division of Research - Return to Research web pages. Again, please contact the IRB via email or call 607-777-3819 to discuss the details of your study before moving forward with the application process.

Best,

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