

Guidance for the Resumption of Human Subjects Research (HSR) Activities

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SUMMARY OF HSR GUIDANCE

- 1) In person COVID-19 screening of research participants (& support persons) is required.^a**
- 2) A participant who has RNA tested positive for COVID-19 can be reconsidered for research 21 days after the positive COVID-19 if they are symptom free.**
- 3) Masking and Healthcheck/screening is required in clinical buildings and areas^b (including support persons).**
- 4) Up to 2 support persons may attend on-site research study visits, if needed.**

^a UAB COVID-19 Testing for Research Participants

If the participant screens positive and their physician chooses not to proceed with COVID-19 testing, the PI will be responsible for offering COVID-19 testing through UAB Research COVID-19 testing or otherwise meeting testing requirements. When utilizing the UAB Research COVID-19 testing process, a member of the research study team must complete the testing registration e-form found here: [COVID Testing for Research Participant Registration](#)

^b When and where do research personnel, participants or their support persons need to wear a mask and be screened (e.g., Healthcheck)?

Where is masking and screening required?

- Entering or exiting buildings or facilities used for any patient care services (<https://www.uab.edu/uabunited/students/health-safety#facilities-cleaning-info>)
- Clinic or hospital areas where you may come in contact with patients
- Hallways, corridors, elevators, parking decks, and other areas open to the general public
- Nursing units
- Blazer Express buses
- In groups when you can't social distance and do not know the vaccination status of all individuals in the group
- If you have not been fully vaccinated, you must wear a mask in all areas, except when alone in your own personal office.

When/where is a mask optional?

- **Fully vaccinated individuals who work in administrative-only areas** may go unmasked while in their offices and enclosed department suites.
- Outdoors, regardless of vaccination status.