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## COVID-19 Research Alert

Due to the current surge in COVID-19 cases, Cook County Health is reducing foot traffic at our sites to further prevent the spread. In terms of research occurring at Cook County Health, this means that only therapeutic studies (i.e., those providing medications, or other interventions to treat or prevent illnesses) can continue in-person visits. Studies that are purely observational, in-person focus groups, community-based outreach and other non-therapeutic in-person research should not occur at this time. Online and remote study activities are encouraged for all studies. Research projects that are eligible to continue in-person visits must follow all the Cook County Health Infection Control Guidelines for the protection of staff and participants.