Clinical research at Children's Colorado is gradually reactivating in a safe, phased and systematic approach which protects the health and wellbeing of team members and research participants.

Research leadership across Children's Colorado is collaborating closely with the Vice Chancellor of Research on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus to balance campus-wide prioritization guidance, with hospital-wide safety, social distancing and PPE conservation policies.

GUIDANCE FOR REACTIVATING CLINICAL RESEARCH, EFFECTIVE MAY 15, 2020

1. Only 'Essential Research Visits' occur in person at Children's Colorado through May 15, 2020
   - Offer Telehealth options to minimize onsite visits and maximize PPE conservation

2. Phased Reactivation of Clinical Research Begins May 18, 2020
   - **Prioritization:** All PI's and study teams need to review the campus prioritization framework and determine the prioritization level for each research protocol
     - **Review:** Guidance for for Prioritization and Reactivation of Clinical Research at Children's Hospital Colorado
   - **Safety:** Consider the safety of study participants and staff to inform decision-making to reactivate a protocol, with additional attention to those more vulnerable to COVID-19.
     - Study teams are expected to continue to use telehealth and phone follow up for any aspect of research protocols that can be conducted remotely, both for safety and to augment progress through the backlog of visits while managing capacity limitations.
     - **Review** Top Things You Need to Know below
   - **Submission:** After considering the safety of study participants and staff, submit each protocol for approval to reactivate.
     - **Review:** Guidance for for Prioritization and When to Submit
     - **Review:** How to Submit
   - **Approval:** Studies will be centrally reviewed and approved by priority group.

3. Submit Research Protocols for Approval Here

4. **Top Things You Need to Know to Protect Yourself and Team Members**
   - Take required Cornerstone course before returning to campus
   - Be prepared for Team Member Screening when entering our facilities
o Wear a mask or cloth face covering at all times
  - **Face covering algorithm** for clinical settings
  - **Cloth face covering in non-clinical settings**
o Wear the correct PPE: **PPE Guidance**
o Review Children's Colorado's COVID-19 mitigation resources:
  - **Children's Hospital Colorado's Epidemiology Alert**
  - **COVID-19 Policy**
  - **Staying safe at Children's Colorado**
o Don't come to work you are sick or have been exposed
  - **Prevent and Respond to COVID-19 Exposures**
  - **Screening survey**

**5. Top Things You Need to Know to Protect Research Participants**

- Offer **Telehealth** options to minimize onsite visits and maximize PPE conservation
- Prepare participants and families for **Visitor Screening**
- Prepare participants and families for their visit
  - "**Keeping You Safe** is our top priority" - emphasize safety messaging from Children's Colorado’s website, and refer to this resource when asked questions
  - "Arrive 20-30 minutes early for parking, screening and check-in"
  - "**Two visitors may accompany each participant**"
  - "**Families will be screened again upon entrance to our facilities**"
  - "Bring a face covering from home"
    - [English flyer](#)
    - [Spanish flyer](#)
  - "We're maintaining social distancing guidelines and have signs, tape and stickers on the floor to guide you"
- Answer participant and family questions by becoming familiar with approved safety messaging or sharing the link to **Keeping You Safe: Getting Medical Care During the Coronavirus Pandemic**

**STAY UPDATED**

- Link: [Children's Hospital Colorado's Epidemiology Alert](#) (updated daily)
- Link: Office of Vice Chancellor of Research Campus Research Reconstitution Plan [Coming Soon!]
- Link: Office of Vice Chancellor of Research Clinical Research Guidance and Prioritization [Coming Soon!]

**THANK YOU** all for continuing to coordinate our very important research mission in the safest way possible, to protect the health and wellbeing of our team members and our research participants.