

Research during COVID-19: Information for Families

Thank you for agreeing to participate in research at CHOP!

During this very difficult time for so many people, we are very appreciative of your child's participation in research. We want to let you know that the safety of our patients, families, and visitors has always been our top priority. We understand there is a lot of concern about COVID-19, and an overwhelming amount of information in the media. We want to assure you that we are keeping patients, families and staff safe at all times. Here are some specific COVID-19 safety precautions CHOP has put in place:

- Exposure and travel screening for anyone visiting CHOP's campus or scheduling a research visit
- Maintaining the highest standards of cleaning of our environment and following the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for healthcare facilities. All of our cleaning protocols either meet or exceed CDC recommendations. All cleaning products we use are effective against the virus that causes COVID-19 and are safe for all of our occupants.
- Requiring that all staff and visitors over the age of 2 wear masks and practice social distancing
- Spacing out appointments to ensure appropriate cleaning between patients and social distancing while at CHOP.

In order to ensure everyone's safety, please remember to:

- **Wear a mask. We will provide a mask if you don't have one.**
- **Avoid touching your mask or face.**
- **Practice proper hand hygiene.**
- **Practice physical distancing. Please see the signs throughout CHOP campus and our staff will help guide you as needed.**

Our CHOP team of experts are actively monitoring this situation and continue to partner with public health authorities to stay on top of the current updates and guidelines. We are committed to the health and well-being of our patients and families.

Families and individuals like you make research breakthroughs happen. By participating in research at CHOP, you can create healthier futures for all of our children. Thank you for being willing to partner with us in this research, particularly during these challenging times. If you have any questions about participating in research at this time or about the extra precautions CHOP is taking to ensure everyone's safety, please ask the research staff at your visit. They are happy to answer any questions you may have.