

This document is to let you know some of the ways that we are helping prevent the spread of COVID-19 here at Temple University. Reviewing this document is **not** a part of the process of giving your consent to participating in research.

New or additional information

COVID-19 is a novel (previously unidentified) coronavirus and has been declared a pandemic due to its global spread. The virus causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans and usually cause mild illness, like the common cold. Many countries, states, and local governments have implemented restrictions (e.g., physical distancing requirements, closure of public places) to attempt to limit the spread of the virus. If your community does not permit travel or otherwise limits interaction, please tell our study team. Temple University's permission for certain studies to continue is not intended to interfere with a person's ability to follow their community's requirements.

Physical distancing is the primary strategy used to prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Physical distancing calls for people to increase the space between one another and to avoid gatherings and crowds. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says people should maintain a distance of at least six feet from others when possible.

If you choose to continue your participation in research at Temple University, our project research personnel will do their best to follow the below recommendations described in this information sheet that were developed based on guidance from the CDC and in partnership with study teams, departments, and Temple University.

COVID-19 Symptoms

To learn about the symptoms of the novel coronavirus as well as how it affects adults and children, please visit the CDC's official website for up-to-date information: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

What steps are Cognitive Neuropsychology Lab and Temple University taking to prevent the spread of COVID?

To help prevent the spread of COVID study teams across Temple University are taking the following steps:

A wellness screen will include questions about whether you have or had COVID-19, possible exposure to the virus, possible symptoms, and about risk factors.

1. Prior to a face-to-face visit, research personnel must confirm your appointment and perform telephone wellness screenings prior to the scheduled visit. This will happen the day before your visit.
 - a. You and anyone required to attend the visit with you must be rescreened by research personnel upon arrival before the study visit begins (i.e., to confirm there are no symptoms, no fever, etc.). You and anyone required to attend the visit must be masked upon arrival at the clinic/research site.
 - b. A lab member will meet you outside of the Weiss Building on Temple's campus. Both you and anyone required to attend the visit with you will then have your temperature taken before entering the building. Re-screening for COVID symptoms will also take place at this time.
 - c. If you or anyone required to attend the visit with you are determined to have symptoms of COVID-19 during the in-person rescreening, or have a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher you will be asked to leave the research site, and we will reach out to you to reschedule your appointment in two weeks.
2. During face-to-face visits, research personnel and you should maintain a physical distance of 6 feet whenever possible, wear a facemask and eye protection, and perform hand hygiene before and after face-to-face interaction with all participants.
3. Research personnel have developed and implemented a regular schedule for frequently cleaning and wiping touched surfaces and objects (e.g., door and cabinet handles, faucets, light switches, keyboards, and other frequently touched objects) with an approved disinfectant or disinfectant wipes. Research personnel will also follow routine surface decontamination of common equipment like instrumentation and computers. Cleaning and disinfecting will take place before and after each participant testing session.
4. Some locations may have additional safety procedures. If your visit is at such a location, the study team will describe what to expect when they call to confirm your study visit.

If you feel as though the above precautions are not being followed please talk with the study staff or contact the Principal Investigator, Tania Giovannetti, Ph.D., at tgjo@temple.edu (215-204-4296) for reporting of concerns or not following appropriate precautions.

You should receive a copy of this form when possible. Please discuss with your study team and ask all questions you may have.