Researchers who are currently located abroad at their planned study location may resume in-person human subjects research activities approved by an IRB/ethics committee if permitted in accordance with country-level and location-specific public health requirements. Prior to resuming in-person human subjects research activities:

* This Attestation must be submitted by the Principal Investigator
* This Attestation must be submitted regardless of whether Brown’s IRB is the IRB of record for the research study
* It is the responsibility of the Principal Investigator to ensure that all research personnel, including any subcontractors, consultants, or agents, are aware of and abide by the requirements set forth in this Attestation
* Multiple protocols by a single Principal Investigator that take place in the same country, have the same location-specific/regional requirements, and involve similar study procedures may be submitted on a single Attestation form.

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| IRB PROTOCOL NUMBER: |  |
| PROTOCOL TITLE: |  |
| IRB/ETHICS COMMITTEE OF RECORD: |  |

As the Principal Investigator of the above-referenced study or studies, I affirm the following:

1. All research personnel will conduct a health self-screening for new or worsening signs of possible COVID-19 before contact with any research participant as described on the [Brown COVID-19 and Human Subjects Research Activities webpage](https://www.brown.edu/research/conducting-research-brown/research-compliance-irb-iacuc-coi-export-control/hrpp-irb-home-page) and will not interact with a research participant if exhibiting any symptoms.
2. All research personnel will abide by country-specific and location-specific public health requirements at all times, without exception, and will continue to monitor these requirements regularly in the event that they change over time.

The following is/are the source(s) of information that the research team will use to track public health requirements (please provide links below to country-specific requirements, **not** US resources):

1. When Brown’s IRB is the IRB of record (skip if not applicable): Prior to interacting with research participants, all research personnel will conduct a pre-screening of research participants (see [*Health Pre-Screening for Research Participants*](https://www.brown.edu/research/conducting-research-brown/research-compliance-irb-iacuc-coi-export-control/hrpp-irb-home-page)) for COVID-19 symptoms and will reschedule in-person interactions if a participant endorses any symptoms; and

Research personnel will provide research participants with information about the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention groups determined to be at higher risk for severe illness](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/groups-at-higher-risk.html), either verbally via a script or via an electronic method (for example, sent via email or Qualtrics). This will enable participants to make an informed decision about personal risks related to COVID-19.

1. When Brown’s IRB is not the IRB of record (skip if not applicable): Research personnel will follow all requirements of the local IRB or ethics committee related to reducing risk of transmission of COVID-19.

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Signature of Principal Investigator Date