**COVID-19 modifiable script for resuming in-person study procedures: Stage 2**

“*Hi, I am calling from Brown University. You are enrolled in our [“title”] study. Following Brown policy, we are able to restart conducting in-person procedures on Brown’s campus. Are you interested in continuing participation in the study?*”

If No, thank them for their time. Ask if they would like to be contacted later about study procedures or if they would like to be withdrawn from the study.

If Yes, continue:

“*That’s great! To be able to participate in these procedures, researchers and study participants must follow specific guidelines to protect everyone’s health and safety. Here’s what is required:*

*Before your study visit, we will:*

1. *Provide you with information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about groups that may be at higher risk for severe illness. We can do this by phone or e-mail. Do you have time to do this now?*

If No, offer to send via email or follow-up with a phone call at a mutually agreeable time.

If Yes,

* The CDC’s guidance is as follows:

“[The risk for severe illness with COVID-19 increases with age, with older adults at highest risk.](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/older-adults.html) For example, people in their 50s are at higher risk for severe illness than people in their 40s. Similarly, people in their 60s or 70s are, in general, at higher risk for severe illness than people in their 50s. The greatest risk for severe illness from COVID-19 is among those aged 85 or older.”

**AND**

“Adults of any age with **certain underlying medical conditions**  **are at increased risk** of severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19”:

* [Cancer](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#cancer)
* [Chronic kidney disease](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#chronic-kidney-disease)
* [COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#copd)
* [Heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#heart-conditions)
* [Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#immunocompromised-state)
* [Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 kg/m2 or higher but < 40 kg/m2)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#obesity)
* [Severe Obesity (BMI ≥ 40 kg/m2)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#obesity)
* [Pregnancy](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#pregnancy)
* [Sickle cell disease](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#hemoglobin-disorders)
* [Smoking](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#smoking)
* [Type 2 diabetes mellitus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#diabetes)

COVID-19 is a new disease. Currently there are limited data and information about the impact of many underlying medical conditions and whether they increase the risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Based on what we know at this time, adults of any age with the following conditions **might be at an increased risk** for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19:

* [Asthma (moderate-to-severe)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#asthma)
* [Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#serious-heart-conditions)
* [Cystic fibrosis](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#copd)
* [Hypertension or high blood pressure](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#serious-heart-conditions)
* [Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, or use of other immune weakening medicines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#immunocompromised-state)
* [Neurologic conditions, such as dementia](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#neurologic-conditions)
* [Liver disease](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#liver-disease)
* [Overweight (BMI > 25 kg/m2, but < 30 kg/m2)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#obesity)
* [Pulmonary fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#copd)
* [Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#hemoglobin-disorders)
* [Type 1 diabetes mellitus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#diabetes)

**AND** (if applicable based on study population)

Most children with COVID-19 have mild symptoms or have no symptoms at all. However, some children can get severely ill from COVID-19. Babies under 1 year old might be more likely to have severe illness from COVID-19. Other children, regardless of age, with the following [underlying medical conditions](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html#children-underlying-conditions) might also be at increased risk of severe illness compared to other children:”

* Asthma or chronic lung disease
* Diabetes
* Genetic, neurologic, or metabolic conditions
* Heart disease since birth
* Immunosuppression (weakened immune system due to certain medical conditions or being on medications that weaken the immune system)
* Medical complexity (children with multiple chronic conditions that affect many parts of the body who are often dependent on technology and other significant supports for daily life)
* Obesity

This list does not include every underlying condition that might increase the risk for severe illness in children. As more information becomes available, CDC will continue to update and share information about risk for severe illness among children.

*“Knowing this information, would you be interested in / feel comfortable traveling to Brown for a study visit at this time?”*

If No, *“I understand. Would it be ok for us to contact you when at a later date when Rhode Island moves beyond [insert current RI State Phase]?*

If Yes, *“Great! I have some additional information I would like to go over with you now about your study visit. Before your study visit, we will:*

1. *Conduct a health pre-screen with you as part of Brown’s safety protocol to reduce risk of COVID-19 transmission. If you do not pass this pre-screen, you will not be able to participate at this time. A member of the research team may contact you later to reschedule the study visit.*
2. *Go over the requirements for the day of your study visit.*
3. *Contact you if we need to change these guidelines or cancel your visit based on Brown policy or State requirements.*

*On the day of your study visit, you must:*

1. *Wear a face covering during the entire study visit. If a face covering is provided to you by Brown, please know that we cannot guarantee that it will protect you against the risks of COVID-19.*
2. *Remain in your vehicle or outside the building until your study visit is scheduled to begin.*
3. *Use the specified building entrance and exit.*
4. *Follow social distancing measures to be respectful of Brown University staff, researchers, and other participants.*
5. *Repeat the health screening on the day of your study visit. If you do not pass this screening, you will not be able to participate at this time. A member of the research team may contact you later to reschedule the visit.*
6. *Follow all handwashing requests of research staff.*
7. *Follow any other additional precautions required by research staff.*
8. *Inform the research team if you need additional assistance (e.g., bringing a guest or physical supports). Only one parent / guardian / support person may accompany you in the building. They will be required to follow all of the guidelines described above, including completing a health screen and wearing a face covering.*
9. *[If applicable to the study based on Brown’s criteria for contact tracing] Provide some information to meet Brown’s and the Rhode Island’s contact tracing guidelines. This information will include your first and last name and phone number. We will keep this information separate from your study data and will destroy it after 30 days. If we do have to report a COVID-19 exposure to the Rhode Island Department of Health, they might contact you, but they will not know that you participated in a Brown University research study.*

*Are you able to meet these requirements?*”

If No, thank them for their time. Ask them if they would like to be contacted later when some restrictions are lifted.

If Yes, schedule the study visit and conduct health pre-screen if study visit can be scheduled to take place in the next couple of days.