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| **To:** | UTHealth Research Community |
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In the spirit of supporting research at our institutions during the CoVID-19 pandemic, in line with [NIH directives](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-087.html) and [FDA guidance](https://www.fda.gov/media/136238/download), the Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences (CCTS) will continue to support ongoing clinical trials. Ensuring the safety and well-being of clinical trial participants is our primary objective. The Clinical Research Unit (CRU) continues to be operational.

The CRU staff will help researchers find ways to ensure compliance with **existing protocols**, including substituting in-person visits with virtual, phone, telemedicine visits, and mail delivery of investigational products to participants.

In accordance with UTHealth guidelines, we are **pausing the accrual of new subjects for general clinical trials**.  Please visit the [IRB page](https://www.uth.edu/cphs/clinical-research-emergency-preparedness) for more information.

CCTS resources are available to help **fast track the planning and execution of certain critical clinical trials and trials on CoVID-19**.  For assistance with the design and implementation of such trials, please contact the Clinical Trials Resource Center (Sujatha Sridhar: 713-500-3622; [clinicaltrials@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:clinicaltrials@uth.tmc.edu)) and the Memorial Hermann Clinical Research Center (Kathy Franco: 713-704-4147; [Kathy.D.Franco@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Kathy.D.Franco@uth.tmc.edu)).