

CRU COVID-19 FAQs:

1. When will CRU revert to normal hours of operations (6:30AM-7PM)?

Reduced CRU hours of operation (currently **M-F 6:30AM-5PM**) will be in effect until further notice from Research Leadership. CRU Users will be notified accordingly.

2. Why is Room# 1 blocked in calendar?

This is designated as COVID Isolation/Screening/Care and is not currently available for research study visits.

- Note that this means the CRU is now functioning with 7 rooms (vs previously 8 rooms)

3. Why are there limited chairs throughout the CRU space?

In our effort to increase social distancing, seating has been removed/reduced in the following areas in CRU:

- Front desk area at check-in – families will be roomed immediately upon check-in
- All touch down spaces – one study team per POD, no comingling
POD# 1- only 1 staff seating allowed
POD# 2- only 2 staff seating allowed
POD# 3- only 3 staff seating allowed
POD# 4- only 2 staff seating allowed

4. Is COVID-19 testing mandatory for study participants prior to onsite visit?

No, testing is only required if study participant exhibits symptoms and respond 'YES' to COVID-19 screening questions (and cannot delay/reschedule an essential research visit)

- If subject screens positive to any COVID-19 screening questions, email the CRU and your PI immediately. It is **the investigator's responsibility** to evaluate and resolve any health concerns that arise at any time during a clinical study visit – this includes symptoms for COVID-19.

5. What if parent/adult accompanying study participant exhibits symptoms, can they be tested while their child is in CRU for visit?

No, family members will be referred to their own PCP to determine additional need.

6. My family is traveling from another state and other non-research sibling is accompanying them d/t lack of child care. Or two parents are required for the conduct of this visit. Are we still restricting to 1 adult per appointment?

We expect that study teams are doing their best to instruct family of Lurie Visitor restrictions. However, exemptions may be approved by Research Leadership.

- Please email Leon Epstein and Christy Anton (cc Susanna McColley and CRU@luriechildrens.org) so that we may assist accordingly.

7. My protocol requires 6-minute walk test. Can we still schedule the visit?

Yes, however you must indicate this specifically in your RRF (under comments).

- Additionally, you must collaborate with CRU staff to designate specific time of walk test at date of appointment.
- CRU staff will assure all exam doors are closed and minimize hallway traffic during this test.

8. Why is it mandatory to have 30 mins window in between appointments?

This is to allow ample time to perform required disinfecting procedures.

- Additionally, this prevents overlap in appointments so that families can be roomed immediately upon arrival.

9. Where and how can I procure PPE supplies for my visit?

- Limited PPE supplies will include gowns and gloves locked in a cabinet.
- Per Research Leadership guidelines, should you require use of N95 or eye shields you must coordinate procurement from study Sponsor.
- If unexpected needs arise during a visit, please contact CRU staff.

10. Are you limiting study team members entering CRU?

Yes, we will only allow 1 CRP and 1 PI/Co-I to conduct study visits

- Additional staff would require approval, please email CRU@luriechildrens.org

11. What happens if my study participant is symptomatic but refuses to have COVID-19 testing?

Study visit requires cancellation and re-schedule according to current Lurie COVID-19 guidelines.

12. There are no PCs available to use while I'm with the study participant in the CRU, can I use one of the PCs in RN stations, CRU front desk, Consultation Room or Monitor Room?

No, to limit cross contamination and minimize exposure, all rooms above are restricted.

13. Where did the cleaning supplies go?

All cleaning supplies are locked and can be procured by asking one of the CRU staff. Due to limited supplies, you must return this to the RN station after each use.

14. When can I begin to schedule onsite monitoring and onsite SIV in CRU?

Lurie Children's is still restricting these visits. We continue to encourage remote monitoring. CRU will follow Research Leadership guidelines on when we are able to allow scheduling again.

- At this time we are conducting virtual CRU tours to support SIV/SQV. Please schedule through the standard RRF request and indicate in the comments that you'd like to setup a call/Skype with Beth to complete the remote SIV.

15. Is COVID-19 testing billed to insurance or my research fund?

COVID-19 testing is covered by insurance companies by federal law. However, depending on the protocol, a sponsor may cover the cost of COVID-19 testing when performed to accommodate a research visit. Study teams are responsible for discussing this with Sponsors and should route the Epic charge appropriately during charge review.