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To Whom It May Concern,

As the number of COVID-19 cases in Chicago continue to decline, the requirement for indoor masks in public settings in Illinois has been lifted. Healthcare facilities, i.e. RUMC will continue to adhere to mask requirements in all common areas and in-patient care areas. Effective Wednesday February 9, 2022, this message is intended to inform research study monitors, CROs, and sponsors that onsite monitor visits to the Rush campus are allowed given the conditions outlined below to provide for the safety of our faculty, staff, trainees, patients, and the public.

In alignment with the guidelines of Rush University Medical Center ([Rush guidelines](#)), effective Wednesday February 9, 2022 study monitor visits will be allowed at RUMC.

Onsite visits are permitted back on the Rush campus under the following conditions:

- Study monitors must have proof of COVID19 vaccination; boosters are not required at this time (Rush will keep a copy)
- No one will be allowed on campus with flu-like symptoms or that has been in contact with an individual confirmed to have COVID-19
- All monitors must participate in universal masking in common areas and in all patient care areas in the Tower, Atrium, Kellogg, Johnston R. Bowman Health Center, the Professional Building and all Rush University Medical Group clinics. Rush will provide the mask to be worn on campus.
- All monitors are encouraged to wear masks when conducting 1:1 meetings with study staff.
- All monitors must participate in social distancing, particularly in all monitoring rooms.
- All monitors should self-screen prior to entering Rush campus for signs or symptoms of COVID. If any signs/symptoms are present the monitor may not come onto campus and the visit should be rescheduled.
- All monitors should coordinate visit dates/times with study staff. This will help to minimize the number of study staff members that would need to be onsite for the monitoring visit to protect the well-being of study staff.
- All monitors must enter campus through designated entry points where they will be provided with a visitor badge, and a Rush approved face mask that must always be worn in designated areas described above.
- Monitors should not be working in clinical care areas. Appropriate conference rooms and offices located a distance away from patients is ideal.
- There may be restrictions or areas of the campus or clinics where the monitor may not visit. Please check with Rush personnel for area-specific instructions.
- For the safety of all staff, patients, monitors, and the public, please limit the time and duration of visits to only the time required.

Rush University reserves the right to modify the onsite visits depending on the COVID-19 environment.

Kind regards,

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