December 24, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

Due to the recent significant increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in Chicago, Rush will reinstate restrictions on study monitoring visits. These guidelines are meant to inform research study monitors, CROs, and sponsors that onsite monitor visits to the Rush campus will be restricted until further notice to provide for the safety of our faculty, staff, trainees, patients, and the public.

Effective Sunday December 26 study monitor visits will not be allowed until further notice. This guidance to study monitors for clinical research projects is aligned with the guidelines of Rush University Medical Center (Rush guidelines).

Onsite visits will be reinstated as soon as possible in alignment with the COVID-19 environment. We anticipate that when visits are reinstated, study monitors will be permitted back on the Rush campus under the following conditions:

- Study monitors must have proof of COVID19 vaccination (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. Rush will provide the mask to be worn on campus.
- 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 while on campus.
- 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. Any monitoring that can be done remotely or in an alternate manner should be explored.

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

Kind regards,

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