

RESEARCH DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Information for Researchers

BPAS clients are not routinely screened for COVID-19 prior to admission. We do however screen for symptoms and temperature on arrival at our clinics. Our staff are routinely screened for COVID-19 with lateral flow tests and comply with PPE and social distancing rules in clinics.

If researchers plan to visit clinics for recruitment or other activities, they will be required to complete a lateral flow test with a negative result prior to their visit. If they do not have access to these, we will supply them with one when they arrive at the BPAS clinic which they must use before they start their work. They must also be willing to use PPE and follow social distancing rules. In the case that researchers test positive for COVID-19, researchers must report this to BPAS and isolate in accordance with government guidelines. If we feel that the researcher has been exposed to COVID-19 whilst working at BPAS we will also inform them.

Some clinics may not be suitable for in-clinic recruitment. We encourage researchers to engage with the CRRC team to discuss which clinics may be best suited to their study.

Questions for Researchers

1 Please explain the need for the proposed project to be conducted during the pandemic rather than after the pandemic has subsided.

2 Please justify why the proposed project requires face-to-face recruitment or other in-clinic activities.

3 Please describe how the proposed project will minimise the burden on and risk for BPAS staff and clients.



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