Dear Members of the Campus Research Community:

As the context for the COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly, the REB has updated its guidelines for all research involving human participants. The important criterion that needs to be borne in mind is social-distancing:

1)            Research which is conducted on-line, does not require the research to be on campus, and does not require any travel by the research team or the research participants may continue;

2) All research which requires travel to campus or another site (even if only one person is travelling) must be suspended unless it meets the following criteria:

1. It is considered “essential” or “critical” as determined through consultation involving researchers and Departmental Heads or Institute Directors, and where appropriate, Deans; and
2. If research requires travel, it can only be conducted with the approval of the Faculty Dean in writing;

3) All research requiring in-person interaction must be suspended. The REB advises revising in-person data collection methods to on-line through phone or on-line platforms, if possible, taking into consideration that these methods do not increase risks to participants;

4)            The REB is reviewing research related to COVID-19 as rapidly as possible; please keep in touch with the REB Chair through ethics@uwindsor.ca;

5) For any research ethics related questions, please contact the Research Ethics Board Chair, Dr. Suzanne McMurphy through ethics@uwindsor.ca  or by home phone:  519-736-8722 or cell: 226-346-1425.

For animal care related inquiries, please contact John Hudson, Chair of the Animal Care Committee at jhudson@uwindsor.ca.

Thank you for your continued patience during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Dr. K.W. Michael Siu, Vice-President, Research and Innovation

Dr. Suzanne McMurphy, Chair, Research Ethics Board