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UW Research Office Memo #9 – Campus Access and Research Ethics Processes Update

As The University of Winnipeg resumes in-person instruction for the Spring/Summer term, we want to reiterate that the Resumption of Research form for on-campus activities is not required.

UWinnipeg’s plan, based on our current situation, is to lift the vaccine mandate on May 2, 2022. We continue to encourage you to be vaccinated—and boosted if you are eligible—to help us maintain a safe campus. The mask mandate will continue until the end of June, possibly longer. Please continue to regularly monitor [UWinnipeg’s COVID-19 information webpage](#) for updates.

Visitors to campus for research purposes will no longer be required to fill out campus activity requests to access campus in advance of their visit although members of the public will not be able to enter university buildings without prior approval.

Faculty wishing to travel for research are strongly encouraged to adhere to health guidelines for travel within Manitoba and outside of the province or country. The requirements for out of province travel are changing frequently and thus it is important to be aware of potential interruptions or new requirements. Faculty should review the Canadian Travel information site for further updates and follow normal policies guidelines for University field trips and travel.

It is important to note that while campus and provincial restrictions are lifting, UHREB and human ethics applications will continue to require researchers to prepare a COVID-19 safety plan and complete the [face-to-face checklist](#) for all in-person research activities. These requirements remain as per the TCPS2/Panel on Research Ethics’s guidelines in Chapter 6 for research ethics reviews during publicly declared emergencies. These requirements will remain until the World Health Organization, federal government, and provincial government declare the end of the pandemic-related emergency. Faculty should ensure that the safety of their research team members, as well as research participants, remain a high priority. See [Research Memo #7](#) for continued ethics guidelines on in-person contact in research.

Questions related to conducting research-related activities on campus or off can be directed to the Research Office at researchoffice@uwinnipeg.ca. This includes inquiries for travel, conducting interviews, or other questions related to ensuring the safety of all involved.

Best,
The Research Office Team