Return to Normal Research Operations

Dear UCSF Fresno Community:

The UCSF Fresno Center for Clinical Research has been very active during the COVID-19 pandemic. The focus over the last 13 months has been on conducting and following COVID-19 related research. Beginning today, May 3, in line with UCSF’s removal of restrictions on research activities, UCSF Fresno research centers, including the Community Cancer Institute, will resume normal operations. As COVID-19 cases continue to show an encouraging steady decline, we are continuing our mission of conducting normal research activity in addition to continuing with our busy COVID-19 research schedule.

Per UCSF, we can now resume building occupancy at 100% while observing Cal/OSHA COVID-19 policy, UCSF policy and health department guidelines, which include:

- Cal/OSHA policy still requires 6-foot distancing in the workplace regardless of vaccination status
- All other existing safety protocols will remain in place, including wearing face masks, frequent handwashing, and completing the daily health screening before coming to campus
- All study subjects will be seen in the facility per all regulations and policies with proper social distancing and disinfection of surfaces between subjects.
- 14-day symptom-free policy for study subjects to be onsite.

We are in the process of finalizing the policy of once again accepting research volunteers pending updated guidelines from UCSF. More information regarding research volunteers will be shared as soon as it is finalized and approved.

Thank you to our research staff for their hard work and commitment. We look forward to resuming all research activities. Please let me know if you have any questions. Please understand these policies are subject to change based on local conditions and guidance from the Fresno County Department of Public Health.

Sincerely,

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