Begin

Are people who have COVID-19 symptoms included? Yes → LEVEL 4

No

Are people who have conditions that place them at higher risk of severe illness included? Yes → Go to Level 3-4 Decision Tool

No

Are in-person activities limited to one researcher and one participant? Yes → Go to Level 2 Decision Tool

No

Can all in-person activities be conducted while social distancing? Yes → Go to Level 3-4 Decision Tool

No

Do in-person activities include sharing objects or wearing/using equipment? Yes → Go to Level 2 Decision Tool

No

Can the required protections in the LEVEL 1 checklist be provided? Yes → LEVEL 1

No
Begin

Are in-person activities limited to no more than 4 individuals who are cohabitating or who have routine close contact?

Yes → Go to Level 3-4 Decision Tool

No → Do procedures include scanning or imaging?

Yes → Go to Level 3-4 Decision Tool

No → Are biological specimens obtained?

Yes → Go to Level 3-4 Decision Tool

No → Do procedures include exercise?

Yes → LEVEL 4

No → Do in-person activities involve the placement of equipment or objects on the participant by the researcher?

Yes → Go to Level 3-4 Decision Tool

No → Is the project federally funded and reviewed via Expedited or Full Board?

Yes → Go to Level 3-4 Decision Tool

No → Can the required protections in the LEVEL 2 checklist be provided?

Yes → LEVEL 2

No → LEVEL 4
Begin
Do activities include more than 4 participants at a time?

Yes
Will the participant engage in exercise?

Yes
Is blood obtained through venipuncture or in-dwelling catheter?

Yes
LEVEL 4

No
Are in-person activities limited to social science methods?

Yes
Can the required protections in the LEVEL 3 checklist be provided?

No
LEVEL 3

No
LEVEL 4

LEVEL 3-4 Decision Tool

Is the project more than minimal risk or initially reviewed at a convened meeting?

Yes
LEVEL 4

No
Do activities include more than 4 participants at a time?

Yes
Will the participant engage in exercise?

Yes
Is saliva collected?

Yes
LEVEL 4

No

Is blood obtained through venipuncture or in-dwelling catheter?

Yes
LEVEL 4

No
Are in-person activities limited to social science methods?

Yes
Can the required protections in the LEVEL 3 checklist be provided?

No
LEVEL 3

No
LEVEL 4

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Minimal Risk imaging/scanning activities: Collection of data through noninvasive procedures routinely employed in clinical practice, excluding procedures involving x-rays or microwaves.

Examples: physical sensors that are applied either to the surface of the body or at a distance and do not involve input of significant amounts of energy into the subject or an invasion of the subject’s privacy; magnetic resonance imaging; electrocardiography, electroencephalography, thermography, detection of naturally occurring radioactivity, electroretinography, ultrasound, diagnostic infrared imaging, doppler blood flow, and echocardiography.

Close Proximity = Close contact (< 6 feet) for ≥15 minutes