**COVID-19 Guiding Principles**

The HRPP has the responsibility to protect participants and the community.

In order to protect participants, Investigators must thoroughly consider all relevant external factors surrounding SARS-CoV-2 exposure and COVID-19 illness when proposing to start/resume in-person human research projects.

External factors include rate of community transmission (# active cases in community), the capacity of local healthcare system, availability of local testing and contact tracing, availability of PPE, and local/State Orders pertaining to stay-at-home directives.

In order to protect the community, the HRPP will evaluate proposed in-person human research in the context of the applicable External factors with the goals of supporting the proposed study to the extent possible; supporting the capacity of local hospitals to care for the sick; preventing infection with particular attention to those at high risk for severe disease; and building the community’s capacity to protect the health and well-being of the public.