



Participating in Human Subject Research and COVID-19

The following is important information related to Coronavirus (COVID-19). This information pertains to human subject research that requires person-to-person interaction or intervention between researchers and participants. As a potential research participant, please read it carefully and use it, along with the researcher provided consent documents, to determine whether you should participate in research at this time.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

To best understand COVID-19 and for the most up-to-date guidance, please visit the [CDC's COVID-19 webpage](#). They provide details about what COVID-19 is, how it spreads, the best ways to protect yourself and others, who is at greatest risk for contracting it, and vaccination availability and effectiveness.

Status of Human Subject Research at Michigan Technological University

Michigan Tech established a specific task force called the [MTU Flex Task Force](#) that continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation, determine the current [Campus Health and Safety Level](#), and communicate best practices for the Institution to follow. Guided by the MTU Flex Task Force, human subject research is active and allowable based on the research team's ability to safely conduct research activities in adherence to Health and Safety protocols of the current Health and Safety Level. More information can be found on the MTU Flex website (mtu.edu/flex/).

Before You Choose to Participate

If you choose to participate in research at Michigan Tech at this time, you will play an important role in helping us all remain safe. Researchers may be required to conduct a health screening that will include questions about your current health status, age, recent travel, and potential exposure to COVID-19 infected person(s) or have you self-report symptoms through the [COVID-19 Visitor Symptom Tracking Form](#). With regards to COVID-19 vaccinations, the vaccine shows effectiveness in reducing severity of illness and death, however the vaccines are not 100% effective in preventing all infection or spread of the virus. Therefore, researchers will continue to conduct research with precautions to mitigate potential infection. Our research teams will not ask for your vaccination status and are not obligated to provide you with their vaccination status. If this information is voluntarily offered, by you as a potential participant, it will not be documented but may allow for more applicable procedures to mitigate COVID-19 risks throughout the research activities.

For any additional questions or concerns about COVID-19 or participating in research at Michigan Tech please talk with the research team. If after reading this information you would like to participate and are eligible, additional information will be given to you by the principal investigator (lead research team member).