




UMB Recovery | Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Research Stage 2 Delayed

July 31, 2020

Dear UMB Community,


University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Interim President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, announced in a [recent communication](#)  that the University would initiate Stage 1 for clinical and community-based human subjects research on July 20 and if all went well, we would initiate Stage 2 on Aug. 3. We are now operating in Stage 1.

Today, based on a recommendation from the COVID-19 Research Advisory Task Force, Dr. Jarrell has decided to delay the decision on the start of Stage 2 for an additional two weeks. The move to Stage 2 for clinical and community-based human subjects research will be re-evaluated on Aug. 17, 2020.

This delay will allow us to continue to assess the implementation and execution of Stage 1 and to monitor the status of the pandemic in the region and in Baltimore City.

As a reminder, Stage 1 allows for continuation of minimal-risk studies that are remote or no contact, and also allows for research with potential for direct benefit to the research subject requiring in-person visits at UMB-related facilities.

Stage 2 continues activities in Stage 1 and also allows for studies that do not have the potential for direct benefit to the research subjects requiring in-person visits at UMB-related facilities.

The Guidelines for Resuming Human Subjects Research can be found [here](#) .

If you have questions or need more information, please contact [Julie Doherty](#), DM, MSN, director, Human Research Protections Program, or [Robert Rosenthal](#), MD, chair, Institutional Review Board.

Sincerely,

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