

The following are a set of recommendations for the FPU research community addressing some issues in IRB protocols in light of the recent pandemic (p. 34 of IRB).

- Consider use of digital technology as a substitute for in-person visits or in-person surveys/procedures that do not impact the integrity of the study or participant safety as a viable alternative. This can include virtual visits, or online surveys through shared links.

Low enrollment in studies.

- If, at the time of continuing review, some studies appear to not be meeting enrollment goals due to COVID-19 outbreak-related issues, consider detailing the impact of this outbreak on the study in the continuing review report.

Monitoring participants.

- Remote monitoring is a suitable alternative to monitoring participants at a site. Email, video conferencing and secure file transfer can facilitate this process.