

Current Human Research Participant Status – Level 1

Level 1

- **Restricted**

- MSVU Campus has limited access, University and research-specific Crisis Management Plans in place
- F2F research with Human Participants must be immediately suspended unless by doing so, the risk level would be increased for participants. (contact ethics@msvu.ca for details)
- Research with human participants may only continue if remote measures are implemented.
- All COVID-19 precautions remain in place per NS Public Health

Level 2

- **Limited Research**

- F2F Research continues to be on hold unless approved via the process outlined in REB.SOP.151
- Applies to on-campus research with human participants, as well as on-site external universities, colleges or health authority settings if resumption of research has occurred and appropriate protocols are approved and followed
- Included: observation of participants under controlled conditions; one-on-one interviews with physical distance of more than 2m; groups of up to 10 people, including researcher personnel, that maintain 2m distance.
- All COVID-19 precautions remain in place per NS Public Health

Level 3

- **Partial F2F Research**

- F2F research via an application request
- Includes Level 2 and adds off-campus research with human participants.
- Also added: collection of vitals, bodily fluids, close proximity to breath, exposure is <2m exceeding total 15 minutes - depending on conditions and research activity, this may fall into Level 4
- All COVID-19 precautions remain in place per NS Public Health

Level 4

- **Unrestricted Opening**

- Normal, Pre-COVID level access (normal UREB processes)