

***University Research Ethics Board***

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**COVID−19 RISK ASSESSMENT for RESEARCH**

* The following risk assessment may be used for COVID-19 screening of participants in face-to-face research studies conducted by members of the Mount Saint Vincent University research community.
* The Risk Assessment is used to facilitate participant, student, staff, and researcher safety.

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| If the answer to **any** of the boxes below is “yes,” researchers **must** reschedule the meeting. Researchers should advise the participant to contract 811 |
| **COVID-19 RISK FACTORS**If the participant answers yes to any of the following as indicated, the COVID-19 Risk is identified, and researchers must reschedule the meeting. |
| Do you currently have the following symptoms?[ ]  New or worsening cough or[ ]  An unexplained fever (measured temperature greater than 38.0) or fever like symptoms: chills or sweats  |
| **OR** Two or more of the following **new or worsening** symptoms |
| [ ]  Gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) | [ ]  Sore throat  | [ ]  Runny  | [ ]  Headache |
| [ ]  Other acute respiratory illness consistent with infection | [ ]  Shortness of breath  | [ ]  No Symptoms  |
| **Non-Symptomatic Risk Factors. If the answer is yes to any of the questions below, the meeting must be rescheduled.** |
| Have you been instructed by NS Public Health to self-isolate? | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No  |
| In the **last 7 days**, have you had exposure to someone who has confirmed COVID−19 or suspected of having COVID−19:Household contact Outside of household contact No Known COVID−19 contacts [ ]  | [ ]  Yes[ ]  Yes | [ ]  No[ ]  No |
| [ ]  **IDENTIFIED COVID−19 RISK (reschedule meeting)** | [ ]  **NO IDENTIFIED COVID−19 RISK** |
| Currently isolating due to COVID−19 infection **OR** exposure to confirmed or suspectedCOVID−19 case **OR** symptomatic (unexplained fever, OR new or worsening cough, **OR** two or more symptoms (new or worsening): sore throat, runny nose, headache, shortness or breath, gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) or other acute respiratory illness consistent with infection) **OR** symptoms / exposure cannot be determined due to physical and /or mental status | Asymptomatic and no identified non-symptomatic risk factors of COVID−19 |

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| This document has been adapted from the COVID19 Screening Guide for Patients by the Nova Scotia Health: [COVID19 Screening Guide (nshealth.ca)](http://policy.nshealth.ca/Site_Published/covid19/document_render.aspx?documentRender.IdType=6&documentRender.GenericField=&documentRender.Id=85434) (retrieved October 6, 2021) and Risk Assessment Form: [Nova Scotia Health COVID19 Risk Assessment form](http://policy.nshealth.ca/Site_Published/covid19/document_render.aspx?documentRender.IdType=6&documentRender.GenericField=&documentRender.Id=78368) (retrieved April 28, 2022) |

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