

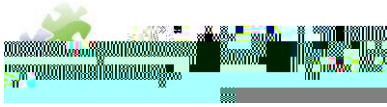
## SOP 501.003

<b>Title</b>	<b>REB Review During Publicly Declared Emergencies</b>
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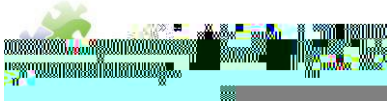
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## 1.0 PURPOSE







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feasible after the emergency has officially ended (i.e., as declared by an authorized public official). The REB Chair or designee will determine when to resume routine ethics review processes;

5.2.13 All delegated approvals of research following a publicly declared emergency must be assessed to determine if subsequent Full Board review is required at the first opportunity subsequent to the cessation of the publicly declared emergency;

5.2.14 At the conclusion of the publically declared emergency, the REB Chair or designee and the REB Office Personnel should work with the REB subcommittee members to evaluate the effectiveness of its declared emergency procedures and to make recommendations for improvements.

### 5.3 Review of Ongoing Research NOT Related to or Arising from the Publicly Declared Emergency

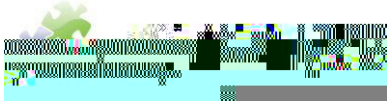
5.3.1 When the impact of the publicly declared emergency on ethics review is determined to be mild to moderate, the following will apply to the review of ongoing research:

The REB Chair or designee will determine if the research needs to continue, or if it can be postponed until after the emergency is over,  
The research may continue at the discretion of the REB Chair or designee in consultation with the Researcher, as necessary,  
major amendments, and adverse events will be prioritized for review,  
Continuing reviews will receive the next priority for review, followed by research completion reports,  
Other submissions will be reviewed as time allows;

5.3.2 When the impact of the publicly declared emergency on ethics review is determined to be severe, the following will apply to the review of ongoing research:

Research activities not involving, or no longer involving, recruitment or direct contact with participants may continue,  
Research activities involving recruitment or direct contact with participants may only continue if ceasing such activity might pose significant risks to participant safety,  
Major amendments and adverse events related to these studies will be reviewed by the REB subcommittee or the REB subcommittee Chair or designee, as appropriate;





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### 7.0 REVISION HISTORY

SOP Code	Effective Date	Summary of Changes
SOP501.001	15-Sept-2014	Original version
SOP501.002	08-Mar-2016	No revisions needed
SOP501.003	08-Oct-2019	5.2.7, 5.2.9 5.2.2: edited to add