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Dear NU research community:

As the Institutional Official of the University's Institutional Review Board (IRB), I am hereby requesting that all human subject research studies immediately cease enrolling new subjects in person or physically meeting with existing subjects until further notice. Research activities that involve no face-to-face interactions with subjects may continue. If possible, I ask that you work with the IRB Office to amend your IRB protocol to engage in research on a remote basis. Only in the most compelling of circumstances will I consider exceptions to this temporary order.

The IRB will continue to review and approve submissions. For studies that are approvable, the IRB will approve the study but explicitly note that enrollment cannot start until this pause in human subjects research activities is lifted, if applicable.

If you have any questions, please contact HRSP Director, Nan Regina, at n.regina@northeastern.edu.

Sincerely,

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