



## Institutional Review Board & Privacy Board



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TO: Kevin Nellis, MS  
FROM: SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University IRB & Privacy Board

PROJECT TITLE: [1566379-1] IRB Demo  
REFERENCE #: NIH Award: 1009189-25-58769  
SUBMISSION TYPE: NOTICE

ACTION: NOTICE: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON FACE-TO-FACE INTERACTIONS WITH RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS TO MITIGATE RISKS OF COVID-19

DATE: 04/13/2020

The RF Office of Research Administration has created a COVID-19 Update website which posts potential impact of COVID-19 to researchers at Downstate. For more information, please see: <https://research.downstate.edu/covid-19-updates.html>

On April 4, 2020, the Downstate Coronavirus Task Force temporarily suspended all in-person face-to-face interventions in all human research studies without a prospect of therapeutic benefit to the research participants, in order to protect research participants and others, including the Downstate workforce, from the threats of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

The IRB Office evaluated this study and determined it includes in-person face-to-face interventions and there is no prospect of therapeutic benefit and therefore meets the criteria for the temporary suspension.

Sponsored Programs Administration has been notified of this determination so that the sponsor can be notified.

If you have any questions, please contact the IRB staff by writing to [irb@downstate.edu](mailto:irb@downstate.edu). Please include your study title and IRBNet reference number in the correspondence.

This letter has been electronically signed in accordance with all applicable regulations, and a copy is retained within SUNY Downstate IRB's records.

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