Restart Process for Research Using Human Subjects

Investigators must initiate a Restart Request through COUHES Connect in the Restart Research Request tab. Restart Requests are required for EACH protocol investigators intend to restart direct person-to-person human subject research. Investigators complete the following:

1. All investigators must complete the Restart Request within COUHES Connect.
2. Based on your answers and potential risk, the system provides an automatic approval or requires you to attach an Application to Restart Human Subjects Research.
3. Restart Requests that require the Application to Restart Human Subjects Research are reviewed by COUHES on a rolling basis and are approved or denied based on the following criteria:
   a. Risk to subjects
   b. Risk to Research Personnel
   c. Risk to MIT/Local Community
4. Investigators are required to monitor the changes in COUHES policy.

Restart Request MUST be submitted by the Principal Investigator on the protocol.

For exempt research, the Faculty Sponsor and the Principal Investigator are responsible for reviewing the Restart Request and monitor changes posted on the COUHES COVID-19 Update page.

Denied applications CANNOT commence with direct person-to-person research. Investigators are encouraged to update protocol in response to remote activities and resubmit a Restart Request later, as the situation evolves.